Descendants of Lemuel Edmonds Volume 1

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This book is dedicated to the memory of my Grandmother Mary Ellen Edmonds Charf. The love that she had for her family and dedication to the memory of her parents and extended family deeply helped me with my research over these many years. Her love that she showed to me has helped me be the man that I am today.



Figure 1 Mary Ellen Edmonds Charf and Johnny J. Edwards

I love you Grand-Mama I miss offering you a chicken wing. Love your Grandson Johnny.

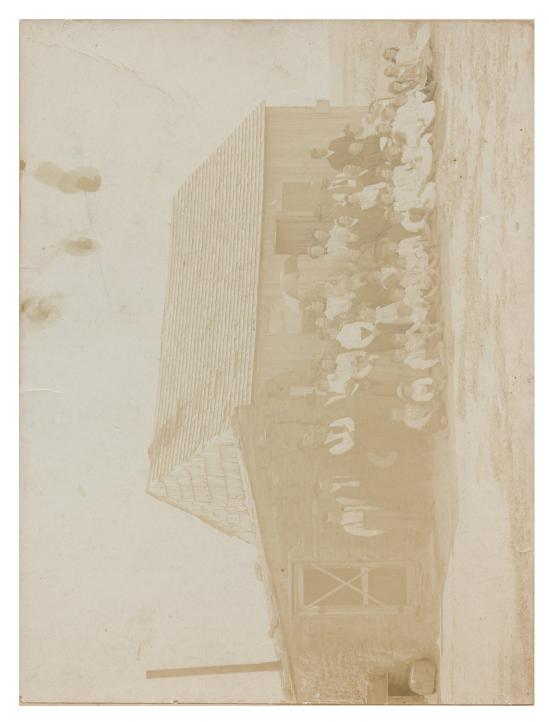


Figure 2 Oren and Nancy Edmonds Homestead ca.1902 50th Wedding Anniversary

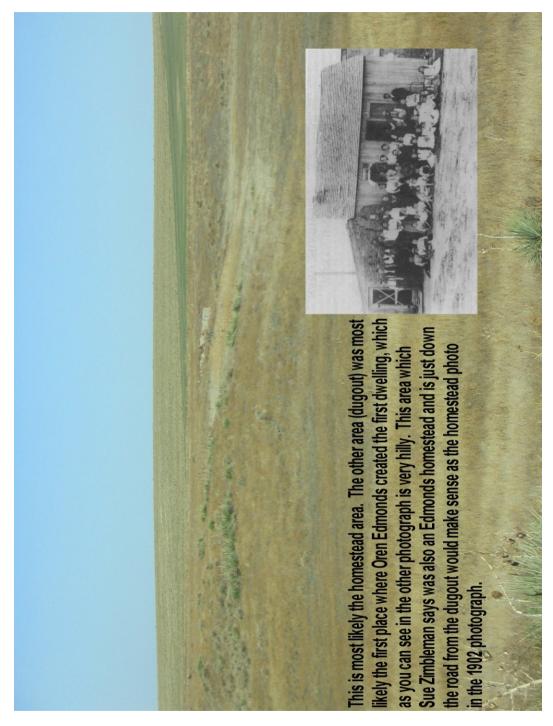


Figure 3 Most likely the Homestead Area in Kansas

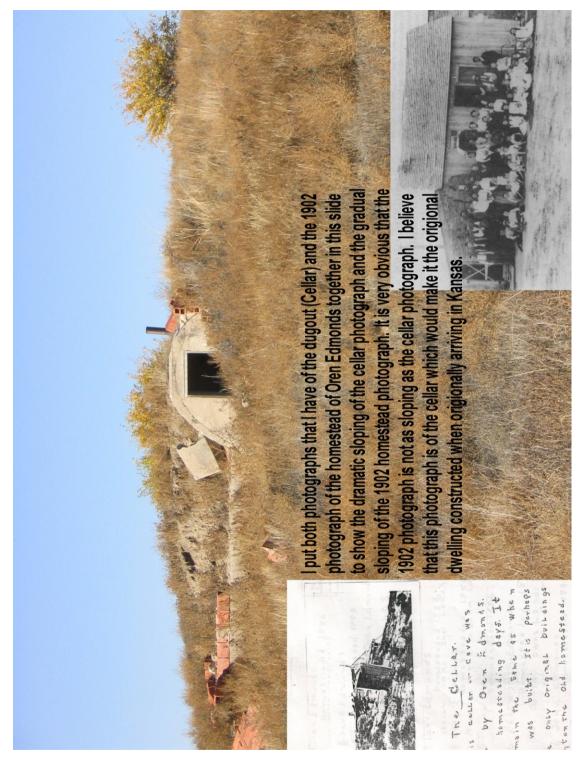


Figure 4 Believed to be the Dugout Area



Figure 5 Oren and Nancy Edmonds 50th Wedding Anniversary ca.1902



Figure 6 Oliver Perry and Nancy Edmonds outside their Soddy



Figure 7 Oliver Perry and Nancy and their children



Figure 8 Mary Ellen Edmonds and Arthur Charf and Children Betty and Cleone



Figure 9 My Mother Cleone Charf and My Father Johnny Leroy Edwards

Introduction

Where do I start is always what I think when I sit down to write a book. I have written three books concerning my family history on my Father's side. This is my first attempt on my Mothers Ancestry.

This book is more a compilation of information collected over the many years of research. I have shared my thoughts and theories throughout the book. The backbone to this book is the Descendants of the Edmonds Family from the <u>unproven</u> progenitor James Edmonds 1704 to my Grandmother Mary Ellen Edmonds Charf. The reader must not get confused with the above mentioned James Edmonds b.1704 and the mentioned Robert Edmonds, these three men at this time are unproven ancestors of Lemuel Edmonds born 1798. At the time of this book there is no known fact based information or research which lists any ancestors of Lemuel Edmonds born 1798. Included within these pages are all of the known descendants of James Edmonds to my Grandma Mary to date. Much of the information was collected and compiled by me. Some of the information provided within these pages is from submitted family histories from cousins from around the United States.

Acknowledgements

I have met so many related distant cousins over the years since I started this journey back in 1993. Most of my contacts I have met over the phone or we corresponded via mail or email. I have in rare occasions had the opportunity to meet with these cousins which have been a great thrill and honor. I prefer to sit across from these cousins, this way you can see the emotions of their faces while they share their stories. I really do believe I have been blessed by my extended family members that I have met over these many years.

There are a few people that stand out in my Edmonds family history research. All of these people that I wish to thank are no longer with us.

Maxine Edmonds Jewett was the daughter of Oren Edmonds, son of Oliver Perry Edmonds and Nancy Jane Tracy. Maxine was a Genealogist. I would call her an old time Genealogist because she started her research when there was no internet, no email. Today amateur Genealogist take these luxuries for granted. Much of what I have for early history of the Edmonds and Tracy line comes from her generosity in sharing this information with me. I enjoyed our conversations over the phone and with our many correspondences. I understand the hardships more because of Maxine. I believe she deeply loved her Edmonds family and her dedication to the integrity of the history and compilation of our Edmonds and Tracy lines should not be understated.

Eva Cooper Edmonds was the wife of Ray Edmonds who was the son of Harrison Roy Edmonds son of Oliver Perry Edmonds and Nancy Tracy Edmonds. Eva Cooper was such a nice lady. Her beautiful smile and great laugh will be with me in my heart and soul for the rest of my life. Just thinking of her smiling and laughing makes me smile today. I first met Eva at an Edmonds Family Reunion in the 1990's. Eva was there with her husband Ray this day, along with his Brother Leroy Edmonds and my Grandma Mary. They sat at a picnic table that day and just talked and laughed about early Kansas life and stories of their childhood. My Grandma Mary just smiled and laughed this day with her cousins. What a great opportunity to be there to hear their stories. I sat down with Eva after her husband past away in the early 2000's. She was a collector of information. She had old photographs and letters and histories which along with Maxine Jewett's information ended being primarily what I know about the early histories of our Edmonds and related families. What Eva did not know at the time is that she was the holder of the only known personal accounts of what Oren Edmonds and Nancy Curren McGregor were like personally. This is a very rare thing with research to find personal accounts of what your ancestors were like. Because of

Eva's papers we have an insight to who Oren Edmonds and Nancy Curren McGregor were and what they were like. What a blessed person I am for being able to meet Eva and talk with her.

Lastly I would like to thank my Grandmother Mary Ellen Edmonds Charf. She had no idea that her talks with me concerning family would have left such a lasting impression upon me. Grandma Mary talked about her life in a Soddy in Kansas. She was greatly proud of this portion of her life. She always talked about her parents and how they raised her siblings in a Shoddy on the plains of Kansas. Her basic accounts of her family history that she wrote down later in her life peaked my interest just enough to push me in the direction which I am now pointing. Grandma loved her Lord which just made her even more special. I do miss my Grand-Ma-Ma.

My intentions with this Volume I is for it to be used as a source for future Genealogists of our family. This book I hope will make a kind companion to my future work concerning this family line.

I have large expectations with this first book of mine detailing our Edmonds Ancestry. There are more books to come in my life time. As I started saying in this introduction. This book is a compilation of information with my notes. I created this book for the purpose of placing our Edmonds Ancestry in history. There is not a Volume like this in the world concerning our line. Our Ancestors deserve their names being added in World, United States, and Kansas History.

These people were simple God fearing folk. They are my Ancestors.

Without their willpower and strength my children would not be here today.

"If you have no idea where you came from, how in the world can you know where you are going?"

Johnny J. Edwards

2nd Great Grandson of

Oren Edmonds and Nancy Curren McGregor

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<u>Chapter 1</u> Genealogy Trips

My Genealogy trips concerning this family of Edmonds has taken me to Kansas in 2003 where I walked the fields of the Kansas Plains. I have talked to dozens of Cousins over these last 20 years some who are still with us, but sadly most are gone now.

I am a persistent soul. This can be annoying in life, but for Genealogy it is very useful and rewarding. If there is one thing that I know for sure is that if you don't call and write people you will never find anything. So I call and I write our Cousins, often and persistently. What I get is payment in the form of stories, historical records, and the most important thing of all is "old photographs". I can honestly say that our Edmonds Cousins from Kansas to Oregon are so very willing to share what they have. I have accumulated a multitude of photographs of our Edmonds family because of just introducing myself and in many cases visiting them in their own home.

In August of 2011 I will be going on a trip to Iowa and Illinois. Primarily for my Edwards line of research. I have the opportunity to visit a third cousin in Galesburg Illinois who has a treasure trove of information on my Edwards side of the fence. When he informed me of where he lived I immediately brought out my map and realized quickly that Galesburg Illinois is just a jump away from Biggsville Illinois where our Edmonds Ancestors lived for around 20 years. It didn't take me long to realize that I am now having to visit Biggsville Illinois.

When our Edmonds left Biggsville Illinois they left everything. They sold off everything they owned except for what they thought they needed for their train trip to Ives Parks Nebraska. Why is Biggsville so important to my research? Very easy to explain. Oren and Nancy Edmonds picked up everything and headed west, they headed west to an unknown future. They left their home, their family, they left comfort and peace. They left everything for all of us. They had hardships and sickness. This is really the beginning of our Family History in America on this Edmonds line. My trip will document this historical event. Oren and Nancy's risk of life ended up being our gift of life. Figure 137

Future Genealogical Trips

I wish I could say that I had any planned. To be honest there is nowhere else to go. In the late 1800's our Edmonds families started migrating west further. Until they landed in Oregon. I am here where they ended up. So the only place left to go if I do someday have the opportunity financially would be to Ireland where our Edmonds family came from. Then the question has to be asked before I even consider this. Just where in Ireland did our Edmonds family come from? At this time in my research I have no idea, and I might very likely never know.

If I could locate Lemuel Edmonds grave in Ohio or where ever he was buried that would be worth another trip. To date Lemuel's grave site is not known.

<u>Chapter 2</u> Lemuel Edmonds Born 1798

What there is to know of Lemuel Edmonds Born 1798, Father of our Oren Edmonds Born 1828 is limited. Limited because of the time that has passed and the lack of Primary Source Records. The bottom line the generations before did not perform their duty to document and record the past.

We know that there is a Lemuel to be found in 1820 in New York Figure 89, 1830 Hamilton County Ohio Figure 90, 1840 Hamilton County Ohio Figure 91, and finally 1850 Monroe County Illinois with an Arthur and Ruth Figure 92. A Lemuel can also be found in store records in Cleves Hamilton County Ohio. You can also see an Orlando and an Aaron. More than likely his sons.

Basically what we know about Lemuel Edmonds Born 1798 is that in the 1850 Federal Census he was 66 years old and had no occupation. Living with him was an Arthur and Ruth who were most probably his children. According to the Eva Edmonds papers there was a sister to Oren named Ruth Figure 73. The Arthur is a problem as there was no mention of a Arthur in the Eva Edmonds Papers. The Arthur mentioned in the Eva Edmonds Papers might have been one of the Brothers mentioned, just by a different name.

In 1860 Lemuel Edmonds disappears. Most likely he passed away somewhere around his last location which was in Monroe County Illinois Figure 92. It is about 109 miles from Monroe County Illinois to Henderson County Illinois (Biggsville Illinois). Biggsville or Gladstone area was where the Oren and Nancy Edmonds family lived before leaving for Kansas. Figure 137

¹ Figure 59 Maxine Edmonds Jewet Papers – Store Cleves Ohio

<u>Chapter 3</u> <u>Oren and his Brothers Orlando and Perry Edmonds</u>

Lemuel Edmonds Born 1798 according to the Eva Edmonds Papers² states that there were 5 Brothers; Orlando, Oren, Perry, Alonzo and Charlie. The three oldest Brothers had a wonder lust to them. Orlando and Perry decided to take the journey to California to chance the Gold Rush that was occurring there at this time in 1850. They can be found in Logtown, El Dorado County California³ an Oliver P. Edmonds and Orlando Edmonds on the same 1850 Federal Census Page⁴. This is too much of a coincidence.

Oren is a problem in 1850. He just can't be found by his name. He would be 28 years old at this time and two years away from marrying Nancy Curren McGregor who is in Indiana at this time.

There are two possible men mentioned in the 1850 Federal Census who could be our Oren born 1828. In Township 8N/6W, Henderson County Illinois Figure 137 there is an Oliver Edmonds age 21 born in 1829 in Ohio. There is also an Aaron Edmonds age 23 born in 1828 in Ohio. Either one of these two men could be our Oren Edmonds born 1828. It can't be ignored how close the name Aaron and Oren sound when compared. Our Oren born 1828 real name could have been Aaron but family just called him Oren for short. There is another Aaron Edmonds mentioned ten years earlier in the 1840 Federal Census right next door to Lemuel in Hamilton County Ohio. This Aaron Edmonds was born 1810-1820 which is close but not within the year span needed for our Oren Edmonds born 1828. I think it is obvious that the 1840 Aaron born 1810-1820 is related to our line of Edmonds. Then who is the 1850 Aaron Edmonds born in 1828? Is he our Oren born 1828? If the 1850 Aaron is the 1840 Aaron born 1810-1820 then where is his family that was mentioned in the 1840 Federal Census? In family records there is a mention of an Aaron Edmonds that can be found in Whitewater Twp., Hamilton County Ohio. At this time this Aaron Edmonds supposedly in Whitewater Twp. Has not been located in records. There is also an Aaron Edmonds mentioned in a store ledger in Cleves Ohio Is this the 1840 Aaron Edmonds, or the 1850 Aaron?

The authors view is this, Aaron Edmonds sure does sound like Oren to the Author.

Aaron - Oren?

⁵Before the wagon reached California the men nearly died. After the two boys reached California, Orlando decided to stay. Perry came back. The family lost track of Orlando and never knew what became of him. A Oliver Edmonds Born in Ohio 1830 in the 1870⁶ Federal Census for Henderson County Illinois can be found with a wife Eliza and three children. I think that it can be assured that this Oliver (Perry) is the Brother of our Oren Edmonds.⁷

² Figure 73

³ Figure 93 1850 Logtown and Vicinity, Eldorado County California

⁴ Figure 93 1850 Logtown and Vicinity, Eldorado County California

⁵ Figure 73 Eva Edmonds Papers

⁶ Figure 136

⁷ Figure 73 Eva Edmonds Papers

⁸ Figure 59 Maxine Edmonds Jewet Papers – Store Cleves Ohio

<u>Chapter 4</u> Oren Edmonds and Nancy Curren McGregor From Illinois to Kansas

Introduction to the Chapter

Most of this information in this chapter primarily comes from two sources.

The account of the History of the Edmonds which I refer to as, "The Eva Edmonds Papers". The history which was written in the Eva Edmonds Papers was compiled by whom I believe to be Anne Gorthy Benge. Anne was the daughter of Laura Belle Edmonds Gorthy and she was the daughter of Oren Edmonds and Nancy Curren McGregor Edmonds.

The other source is from the diary of Robert Edmonds who was the oldest living child of Oren Edmonds. His meticulous entries in his diary allowed dates of the migration of the Edmonds family from Illinois to Kansas to be very accurate. ¹⁰

With this chapter being devoted to the Edmonds Family Migration from Illinois to Kansas, I feel that there should be some character study of both Oren Edmonds and Nancy Curren McGregor Edmonds completed. Once again Eva Edmonds Papers becomes very helpful. It isn't always the case that detailed accounts of what your ancestors were like are available. Especially ancestors who were born in the early part of the 19th century.

This will allow the reader to place the parents and family into a better scope of understanding.

Families back in the 1800's worried about the same things that parents today worry about. Back then it was simpler to understand these worries as they were not cluttered with today's busy life styles. Safety for the family, food for family, and a home over the families head. Deciding to migrate to Kansas while living in relatively safe conditions as they were living while in Illinois confuses this Author.

What we as descendant do not know is their reasons for leaving. It is assumed that they left for cheap land and a new start. Maybe even making something out of an area of the country that hasn't been touched by human hands. The author looks at Oren and Nancy and I question the thought process of the decision to migrate to Kansas. Their ages had to be in question, with Oren Edmonds being 58 years old 1886. It is said in a Centennial Story that Nancy Curren McGregor did not want to come out west. She didn't see how they could ever make a living there ¹¹. Didn't Oren and Nancy understand the barren land and isolation they would have to endure? Maybe the Edmonds Family didn't know at the beginning of their journey that the land and weather was going to be so harsh. Maybe they followed a family or friend who traveled west earlier. ¹² ¹³ Another scenario might have been that Robert Edmonds the oldest child had been the one who talked Oren and Nancy to follow him into the Western Country. It is documented that Robert Edmonds was the first to come out west to Kansas. ¹⁴

⁹ Figure 73 Eva Edmonds Papers

Figure 105 Margaret Buckholtz Papers

¹¹ Edmonds 76, Pg.63

¹² Figure 105 Margaret Buckholtz Papers – Beverage Reynolds Family

¹³ Figure 107 Margaret Buckholtz Papers

¹⁴ Figure 107 Margaret Buckholtz Papers

No one knows for sure.

In the end what we know is that Oren and Nancy Edmonds left Illinois and created out of pure nothingness a home and a life for themselves and their family.

Oren Edmonds¹⁵

Oren Edmonds appears to have been a quiet and unassuming man. He was born in Ohio. He moved to Indiana and Illinois early in his life. Oren might have been quiet and unassuming but he didn't mind taking chances when deciding on migrating to Kansas. Oren's children came first always. Oren's Daughter Madora said that her Father was kind hearted. He had faith in everyone. He enjoyed hearing his children sing. Alzada Oren's Daughter said this of her Father, "kindliness and friendliness and a fine neighbor". He was a kind husband and Father. One child was heard to say one day that his children were twice Mothered by their Mother and also by their Father. He was a true Christian. He was a hard worker and was kind to animals and saw that they had good care.

Nancy Edmonds¹⁶

Nancy's Daughter Laura said of her Mother, "Mother was a great lover of beauty and she always reserved a walk thru the center of the garden and planted flowers on each side and in every vacant place she could find. Mother fixed pickles, jams, jellies, preserves and everything she could possibly use. Laura continued, "Mother was always well liked. When there was sickness in the area they came to Mother first as she always knew what to do. Mother was deeply religious and every one had to go to church and Sunday School every Sabbath. Nancy loved to watch the storms. She would stand or lean against the door and watch the storms as they passed over. She never talked about her emotions. Nancy was peculiar as she never showed her feelings but one could somehow understand them. She never complained". Nancy's Daughter Dora said of her Mother, "She was so patient, and always believed in her children". Alzada Smith said of her Mother, "In the first place she was a kind Mother and true Christian, Mother, teaching her children the true way of life. She never forgot the family worship night and morning. Her patience and endurance of poverty without murmur, but just always thankful for a home.

Migration from Illinois to Kansas

Oren Edmonds was born on July 13, 1828 in Ohio. He later married Nancy Curren McGregor on August 2, 1852 in Indiana. They moved from Indiana to Gibson Illinois where they started their family. Their first child Ruth Ann was born August 14, 1853. Ruth Ann died in 1855 at two years old. She drowned in a creek outside of the barn on Oren and Nancy's farm. Every parent's worst fear is to lose a child to an early death.

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¹⁵ Figure 73 Eva Edmonds Papers

¹⁶ Figure 73 Eva Edmonds Papers

There is a conflict with whether they started their family in Indiana or Illinois. Elizabeth Jane Edmonds Rankin in her obituary states that she was born in Gibson Indiana. Eva Edmonds Papers Page 5 Figure 76 state that Oren Edmonds and Nancy Curren McGregor Edmonds were living in Gibson County Illinois until 1859 when they moved to Monroe County Illinois. They might have lived in Gibson County Indiana as Elizabeth Jane Edmonds Rankin's obituary states. Gibson County Indiana is also where Nancy Curren McGregor was living upon Oren and her getting married. Some confusion on this issue. 1870 and 1880 Federal Census state Nancy and Elizabeth and Robert were all born in Indian. Figure 122, Figure 124

¹⁸ Figure 76 Eva Edmonds Papers

On a Sunday morning Nancy had just cleaned Ruth Ann up for the day. Ruth Ann had gone out to the barn where her Father Oren was working. Oren came to the house several hours later Ruth Ann wasn't with him. Nancy asked, "where is Ruth Ann?". Oren answered he hadn't seen her all day. Both parent rushed out to the area of the barn to eventually find her drowned in a small pool in the local creek.

This tragic event happened during Nancy's 2nd pregnancy. Oren and Nancy's second child Robert Edmonds was born two days after the death of Ruth Ann on November 20, 1855. Robert Edmonds was born with what was called at this time in history "white swelling" which was believed to be spinal meningitis. Robert's legs and knees were rubbed with ointments throughout his childhood. Robert became crippled and needed to wear special shoes made for him for the rest of his life.

Another child Elizabeth Jane was born on August 30, 1857.

The family of Oren Edmonds and Nancy Curren McGregor moved from Gibson County Illinois to Monroe County Illinois in the fall of 1859. There is some confusion and conflict of sources for the birth place of their next child Oliver Perry Edmonds born November 24, 1860. Family records from several sources place his birth place as Biggsville Illinois. Monroe County Illinois is what Laura Belle Edmonds Gorthy states in her account as the birth place for Oliver Perry Edmonds. 19 20

Their next child Oren Ellsworth Edmonds was born on October 2, 1862.

Oren and Nancy moved once again in 1864 to Henderson County Illinois where the remainder of their children were to be eventually born. The twins Alzada and Madora were born November 1864, Lemuel was born September 3, 1886, Laura Belle was born April 30, 1868, and lastly John Leander October 2, 1872.

From Illinois to Kansas

Robert Edmonds born 1855 was the 1st to come out West out of all of the family members in 1885. Robert Edmonds took on a Homestead Claim South of Parks Nebraska. There is discrepancies as to whether Robert's original claim was Cheyenne County Kansas in 1885 or Ives (Parks) Nebraska. An early Cheyenne Platt Map shows his name at the very Northern part of Cheyenne County Kansas across the border of where Parks Nebraska is located. This could be where the confusion lies within sources. Robert returned back to Illinois before winter set in. On February 1, 1886 in Robert Edmonds Diary²¹ he wrote that he bought 1 mule and started breaking it to pull. March 10, 1886 he adds in his diary hat he bought a cow to take West. On March 12 he bought lumber \$30.70, a watch and a stove in preparation for coming West. On March 13, 1886 they (it is assumed the entire Edmonds Family or a portion of the family) had a sale of things they did not need in the West.

On Tuesday March 16, 1886 the Father (Oren Edmonds born 1828) and Robert Edmonds²² started on their trip West at about 2 O'clock from Gladstone Illinois²³ and arrived at Parks (Ives) Nebraska on Friday March 19, 1886²⁴.

¹⁹ Figure 76 Eva Edmonds Papers

Interesting to note that Oren and Nancy lived next to Nancy's Father and Brother in 1860 Figure 121

²¹ Figure 107 Margaret Buckholtz Papers – Robert Edmonds

²² Edmonds 76, Pg.63: States that Lemuel Edmonds Born 1866 went with Oren and Robert

²³ Figure 68 Neil Edmonds Papers

²⁴ Edmonds 76, Pg.63: States April 1886

The Edmonds family boarded an "Emigrant Car" had rented a car on the freight train to bring their stock, farm implements, lumber for their home on the claim. Furniture and feed for the animals. Many other items that were needed for a family to survive this new country. After they off loaded all of their belongings they rested their stock, went to the claim, and on to preaching and Sabbath School in Benkelman. On Tuesday March 23, 1886 they started to haul lumber out to their claim and started building their house.²⁶

Locating the Old Homestead of Oren and Nancy Edmonds

Locating the old homestead was an interesting ordeal that still is difficult to accurately pinpoint. On my trip to Kansas I had the honor of meeting Sue Zimbleman who is the Great Granddaughter of Laura Belle Edmonds Gorthy. Laura Belle was the Daughter of Oren Edmonds and Nancy Curren McGregor. I will refer to my notes from the 2003 trip to Kansas:²⁷

We followed Sue Zimbleman for many miles into the North of St. Francis, just south of the Nebraska State line. As we were driving North out of St. Francis we were on payement, but about 2 miles out of town we ended up on a Dirt and gravel road. A very, very dust drive. The who trip from St. Francis to the site was about 20 minutes. The roads basically a straight shot to her home, but Sue took us out of the way of this road because the harvest trucks tore up these roads. She didn't think my little rental car could stand up to the torture.

The drive was just beautiful, the rolling prairie, and the pretty blue sky was very memorable. I still can't believe that Oren Edmonds, or whoever it was decided to come to this land. Even Sue which farms the same land as Oren did says that this soil on this land is some of the worst in the County. Sue also said that her husband's families land is more like dark fertile soil, not like the sandy soil of the land of the old homestead.

Sue took us to the old homestead, the road slowly coming up to the area she pointed at it and I took photo's.²⁸

It took some slow driving through a corner of the hay fields, and around some rolling hills to get to the area of what was left of the home. I took many photographs, many different angles. Some very strong questions have been raised because of what I saw there (dugout). In the side of a hill was made out of cement like material. There was a foundation made of some sort surrounding the dugout.

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There is a discrepancy as to what the entry "They rested the stock, went to claim", and the other entry "Tuesday March 23, 1886 they started to haul lumber out to claim and started building their house." The question needs to be asked, "Which claim did they go to right off the train and was it Robert's claim or his Father's Oren Edmonds Born 1828?

²⁷ Edmonds 53

²⁸ Figure 3 Most likely the Homestead Area in Kansas



There was also many foundation bricks as you can see from the photographs of that day.

Note:

When you compare the old photograph of the known Dugout to the one here you can sure see the similarities. I am still undecided whether this is the actual Dugout²⁹ or the actual area of the Dugout. The cement that makes up the dugout today I doubt is the original material if this is the same location.

Using Google Maps I used an overlay feature which gives an idea of just where this land was located. The overlay that I used was a current Plat Map of the area and a 1907 Plat Map.³⁰ I used for reference points the curvature of the Republican River to the West of the Homestead and current and old roads which for the most part are unchanged.

Locating the Original land of Oliver Perry Edmonds

Locating the land of Oliver Perry Edmonds was just as much of a challenge as locating his parents land. Sue Zimbleman was a great help in this once again. I refer to my notes below:

I was talking to Sue about how my Great Grandfather Oliver Perry Edmonds, son of Oren and Nancy lived near to this homestead. Sue said that the land was always called by the family the Holliman Place. Sue's sister Cindy Gorthy Ham owns this property now and Sue said that there is some old buildings there or at least buildings that have been there for a long time. We went over there and took some photo's and most of the structures were old but not back as far as the 1890's when my Great Grandfather Oliver Perry Edmonds purchased the land.

²⁹ Figure 4 Believed to be the Dugout Area

³⁰ Refer to Figures 115-120 for Plat Maps and Overlay Map of probable site of Homestead of Oren and Oliver Perry Edmonds

Note:

The Google overlay map of the area shows where Sue Zimbelman squared off the Oliver Perry Edmonds / Holliman Place.³¹



Oliver Perry Edmonds / Holliman Place

Life on the Plains

Less than a month after Robert and Oren started building on their claims Nancy Edmonds with Laura Belle and Johnnie (John Leander) came out west. On April 15th 1886 it is easy to imagine Oren and Robert and possibly Lemuel being at the depot waiting to see Nancy and the two youngest children get off the train and reunite the separated families. It is recorded ³² that Nancy and children moved in with Robert until they could build the family home. There are two written sources ³³ which state that the family after arriving in Kansas lived in a dugout until the Soddy could be built. Specifically one source states that the dugout was located on Robert's claim³⁴. Breaking of the land started on May 5, 1886. The planting of potatoes and corn had begun. During this time of planting, the building of homes, barn, and a chicken house was accomplished.

Building the Sod House

The building of the Sod House was back breaking and time consuming. One acre of land was required for an average sized home.³⁵ The sod blocks were cut by a breaking plow or sod buster. The blocks were cut into rectangular slabs. These slabs were laid lengthwise, and then a block laid cross wise to build a wall two feet thick. When looking at the old sod home³⁶ you can see that there was a wooden door and windows and also a wooden roof. They came with the wood when they traveled from Illinois to Kansas. From numerous sources it can be read that many homes didn't have a wooden roof right away. Bugs and varmints were prevalent throughout the year. When there was rain showers the roof would leak and the

³³ Figure 4 Believed to be the Dugout Area; Edmonds 48 Neil Edmonds

³⁵ Nature Bulletin #620. Forest Preserve District of Cook Co. Illinois

Refer to Figures 115-120 for Plat Maps and Overlay Map of probable site of Homestead of Oren and Oliver Perry Edmonds Figure 115

³² Edmonds 76, Pg.64

³⁴ Figure 4 Believed to be the Dugout Area

³⁶ Figure 2 Oren and Nancy Edmonds Homestead ca.1902 50th Wedding Anniversary

dirt floor would turn to mud. Bed bugs, and fleas were also a problem. There is no written account of how the inside of the old Soddy looked. The author can easily imagine a kitchen area and at least two bedroom areas sectioned off one for Oren and Nancy and one for the last two children, Laura and John Leander.

Three years after the Edmonds family arrived in Kansas the first death occurred with Oren and Nancy's 23 year old Son Lemuel died of Consumption on August 20, 1889. Robert wrote in his diary, "We buried our Brother Lem at half past Eleven O'clock on the North West corner of the old homestead on August 22, 1889.

Ouoting Nancy Curren McGregor Edmonds³⁷

About this barren Western Country (Kansas). The only trees were along the creeks and the Republican River. Our home was a Soddy. The only building material this land offered was the sock bricks plowed from the prairie. They were thick enough to handle and laid brick stile with openings for doors and window. Poles laid length wise for the roof and sod and clay on the roof. It resembles a field with all the grass and weeds growing on top. Some walls were white washed and in many cases muslin was hung against the ceiling to catch the dirt and bits of sod that fell. Fleas, bed bugs, mice and insects were common pests. Each week the beds were taken down and saturated in boiling water composed of salt or lye. Boiling water was used to wash woodwork and walls. The bed bugs lived in high places and the fleas made their homes near the floor in the quarter-rounds. Cow chips were used in stoves (for fuel).

Religion

Oren and Nancy Edmonds were very religious. Their faith was very important to them and for the raising of their children while living in Illinois and Kansas. It is said from one source³⁸ that the Edmonds family were died-in-the-wool United Presbyterians for generations back.

In 1886 the closest town was a small trading town by the name of Wano. This was soon to be renamed St. Francis in 1888. The Governor during this time in Kansas history was John A. Martin and he issued a proclamation declaring that the unorganized county of Cheyenne was to become a bonafide county. It is very interesting to note that in 1886 during the formation of the new county of Cheyenne is the same year that the Edmonds family decided to migrate to Kansas from Illinois. From the approximate area of the homestead of Oren Edmonds to St. Francis Kansas is today by using the road system is almost 15 miles and from the same homestead area of Oren Edmonds to Benkelman Nebraska is around 13 miles. It isn't known which church Oren and Nancy traveled to when they lived on the homestead. Earlier evidence in family records³⁹ state they went to Benkelman Nebraska for Sabbath after they arrived from Illinois. Later Oren and Nancy moved from the Prairie in Kansas to Benkelman Nebraska for the remainder of their lives. It is very likely that they went to a church in Benkelman Nebraska.

The Sabbath dinner was prepared on Saturday. Only the very necessary things were done on the Sabbath. In the morning all went to Sabbath School and Church. Mother (Nancy) on one end of the pew and Father (Oren) at the other end with all the little Edmonds in between. If the team of horses couldn't get through

³⁸ Edmonds 76, Pg.63

³⁷ Edmonds 76, Pg.63

³⁹ Edmonds 76, Pg.64

due to mud and snow, the family walked to Church a distance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, providing the temperature wasn't too cold. Figure 137

Always on Sunday afternoon following dinner the family all gathered around the kitchen stove while Mother read from the Hold Scriptures.

School

There is much to be found concerning Prairie schools in sources. The Edmonds Family when they arrived had one child, John Leander who was 14 years old. He would have been the only Edmonds child that would have required an ongoing education.

Early Cheyenne County Schools in the Delay Canyon area where Oren and Nancy homesteaded in 1886 likely did not have an organized school. Most of the education during this time in Cheyenne County history came from the home. However Mrs. Merklin (possibly Madora daughter of Oren and Nancy)⁴¹ told of the school house constructed of sod. It was used as a chicken coup in the summer and in the fall. The ladies would scrub the inside and white wash it. The Fathers would meet and make new benches in the fall before school would start. The school lasted from three to five months. The older children were needed to work on the homestead during planting and harvesting time. The homesteaders couldn't afford to pay a teacher for a long period, nor could they afford to lose their work force which was the children. The Little school was located on the south fork of the Republican River.

Poverty Years

In the Eva Edmonds Papers⁴² it was recorded that during the span of years 1893-1896 these were considered poverty years. Those people who could moved out of country. Those whose money was tied up in land and homes could not afford to leave. The hard times were caused by no moisture, inexperienced farmers, a plague of insects, dust storms, and no spare money for crops saved for such crisis. Many of the men left their farms to find work elsewhere. They would work to raise money and then send the money home to the family back home.

Our Edmonds went through this difficult time. I am very sure that Oliver Perry Edmonds and Nancy Jane Tracy Edmonds left for Oregon with the hard time in Kansas on their minds. Their children left soon after.

Most of the other descendants of Oren and Nancy Edmonds decided to stay and weather out these hard times.

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 $^{^{}m 40}$ Probably referring to when they were in Illinois.

⁴¹ Edmonds 76, Pg.60

⁴² Edmonds 76, Pg.63

<u>Chapter 5</u> Descendants of Lemuel Edmonds

This chapter is a complete listing of Descendants of Lemuel Edmonds, Father of Oren Edmonds born 1828. The information which follows is from many sources over the years. Some of which I found myself, and some information which was supplied by the specific family line descendant of that family line.

Every effort has been given to the information within this chapter. The accuracy is only as good as the source and if there are any mistakes please call upon the author and I will look into correcting the error.

The ancestors mentioned of Lemuel Edmonds, specifically James and Robert Edmonds are UNPROVEN at this time. This is from family sources and these family sources give no sources for their information. I have not proven at this time in my research that James or Robert Edmonds were in fact our ancestors. I have included them only that they hopefully will spark some research energy with my distant genealogist's.

The Descendants of James EDMONDS-1135

First Generation

1. James EDMONDS-1135 was born in 1704 in , , Ireland. (UNPROVEN)⁴³

-Edmonds 7 --Edmonds 52 Unproven as of 1-2011.

James had the following children:

+ 2 M i. Robert EDMONDS-1133 was born in 1735. (UNPROVEN)44

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Second Generation

2. Robert EDMONDS-1133 (James) was born in 1735 in , , Ireland. (UNPROVEN)⁴⁵

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-Edmonds 7
--Edmonds 52
Unproven as of 1-2011.
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Robert married (MRIN:376) Mary MARKIN-1134 . (UNPROVEN)46

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-Edmonds 7
--Edmonds 52
Unproven as of 1-2011.
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Robert and Mary had the following children:

+ 3 M i. Robert EDMONDS-88 was born in 1766. (UNPROVEN)⁴⁷

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Third Generation

3. Robert EDMONDS-88 (Robert, James) was born in 1766 in Belfast, , , England. (UNPROVEN)⁴⁸

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-Edmonds 7
-Edmonds 74
--Edmonds 52
Unproven as of 1-2011.
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Robert married (MRIN:19) Polly LEE-1132 . (UNPROVEN)49

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--Edmonds 52
Unproven as of 1-2011.
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Robert and Polly had the following children: (UNPROVEN)50

+ 4 M i. **Lemuel EDMONDS-84** was born in 1798. ⁵¹(1ST Documented Ancestor of Oren Edmonds) See Source Chapter – Census. ⁵²

 $^{^{\}rm 48}$ Unproven basically means that this is from a family member's records or submission with no source given.

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Refer to Sources Chapter: Eva Edmonds Papers, Edmonds 58 Page #6. 1st hand account from Oren and Nancy's daughter Laura Belle Edmonds Gorthy.

⁵² Refer to Chapter – Sources. Federal Census 1820-50.

Fourth Generation

- 4. **Lemuel EDMONDS-84** (Robert, Robert, James) was born in 1798 in New York, , New York.
 - -Edmonds 7
 - -Edmonds 22⁵³

Mentioned in Grocery store records in Coves Ohio.

- "1830- Lemuel Edmonds in Cleves"
- "1835-36 -Lemuel, Orlando, Aaron Edmonds patronized James S. Ogden's store in 1835 and 1836. Their names found in Ogden's ledger"
- "1840 -Lemuel and Aaron Edmonds in Miami Twp. P.356"
- "1850 -Aaron Edmonds in Whitewater Tp., P.284
- -Edmonds 74

Possibly mentioned in Ohio Fed Census in 1830. Entry appears as Samuel instead of Lemuel.

- --Edmonds 52

Lemuel married (MRIN:18) **Phoebe CASS-85** in 1820. Phoebe was born in New York, , New York. (UNPROVEN)⁵⁴

-Edmonds 53

States that Phoebe Cass was the daughter of General Lewis Cass b.1782

Lemuel and Phoebe had the following children:

5 M i. Orlando EDMONDS-86.55 See Source Chapter – Census 183056

-Edmonds 53, 58

Edmonds 53, pg 2. States that he was buried in California. Unproven.

- -Edmonds 22
- "1835-36 -Lemuel, Orlando, Aaron Edmonds patronized James S. Ogden's store in 1835 and 1836. Their names found in Ogden's ledger"

6 M ii. Perry EDMONDS-87.57 See Source Chapter – Census 183058

⁵³ Refer to Sources Chapter: Maxine Jewett Papers.

⁵⁴ Unproven basically means that this is from a family members records or submission with no source given.

⁵⁵ Refer to Sources Chapter: Eva Edmonds Papers Page #6. 1st hand account from Oren and Nancy's daughter Laura Belle Edmonds Gorthy.

⁵⁶ See Source Chapter – Census 1830

⁵⁷ Refer to Sources Chapter: Eva Edmonds Papers Page #6. 1st hand account from Oren and Nancy's daughter Laura Belle Edmonds Gorthy.

⁵⁸ See Source Chapter – Census 1830

-Edmonds 53, 58

Edmonds 53, pg 2. States that he was buried in California. Unproven.

-Edmonds 22

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- + 7 M iii. **Oren EDMONDS-73** ⁵⁹was born on 13 Jul 1828. He died on 8 Aug 1908. See Source Chapter Census 1830⁶⁰
 - 8 M iv. Alonzo EDMONDS-6371 61. See Source Chapter Census 183062

-Edmonds 53, 58

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9 M v. Charlie EDMONDS-6372 63. See Source Chapter – Census 183064

-Edmonds 53, 58

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10 F vi. Ruth Ann EDMONDS-6373 65. See Source Chapter – Census 183066

-Edmonds 53, 58

-Edmonds 74

⁵⁹ Refer to Sources Chapter: Eva Edmonds Papers Page #6. 1st hand account from Oren and Nancy's daughter Laura Belle Edmonds Gorthy.

⁶⁰ See Source Chapter – Census 1830

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⁶⁴ See Source Chapter – Census 1830

⁶⁵ Refer to Sources Chapter: Eva Edmonds Papers Page #6. 1st hand account from Oren and Nancy's daughter Laura Belle Edmonds Gorthy.

⁶⁶ See Source Chapter – Census 1830

Fifth Generation

7. Oren EDMONDS-73 (Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 13 Jul 1828 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He died on 8 Aug 1908 in Cheyenne Cnty, Kansas. See Source Chapter – Census⁶⁷

PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 1, Figure 30, Figure 32, Figure 33)

CENSUS (Figure 121, Figure 122, Figure 123, Figure 124, Figure 125, Figure 135)

- -Edmonds 7
- -Edmonds 38

Came to Kansas from Illinois in 1886.

-Edmonds 57, pg.1

Mentions that Oren was Born in Cincinnati, Clemont, Ohio

- -Fdmonds 22
- -Edmonds 48
- -Edmonds 55
- photograph
- --Edmonds 52

Oren married (MRIN:17) **Nancy Curren MCGREGOR-74** daughter of Robert MCGREGOR-89 and Rachel MARTIN-90 (MRIN:20) on 2 Aug 1852 in , , Indiana. Nancy was born in 1832 in Gibson, , Indiana. She died on 16 Jan 1907 in , Cheyenne Cnty, Kansas. ⁶⁸ PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 2, Figure 5, Figure 31, Figure 32, Figure 33)

- -Edmonds 48
- -Edmonds 55

photograph

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Oren and Nancy had the following children:

Ruth Ann EDMONDS-75 was born on 14 Aug 1853 in , , Illinois. She died in 1855 in , , Illinois. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 37)

-Edmonds 67 Drowned.

-Edmonds 5

⁶⁷ See Source Chapter - Census 1830

⁶⁸ Figure 80 Obituary of Nancy Curren McGregor Edmonds

ii. Robert Lorenzo EDMONDS-76 was born on 20 Nov 1855 in , , Illinois. He died on 2 Jun 1927. ⁶⁹ PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 38)

-Edmonds 58

Never married.

- -Edmonds 67
- -Edmonds 38

Letter written to Johnny J. Edwards

- -Edmonds 48
- -Edmonds 52

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- + 13 F iii. **Elizabeth Jane EDMONDS-77** was born on 28 Aug 1857. She died on 20 May 1940. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 34, Figure 35)
- + 14 M iv. Oliver Perry EDMONDS-63 was born on 24 Nov 1860. He died on 11 May 1936.
 - 15 M v. **Oren Ellsworth EDMONDS-78** was born on 2 Oct 1862 in , , Illinois. He died in 1897 in Denver, , Colorado.

-Edmonds 58

Died of infection.

-Edmonds 67

Birth date. Death date differs 1896.

-Edmonds 52

Death date differs 1896.

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- + 16 F vi. **Alzada EDMONDS-79** was born on 28 Nov 1864. She died in 1947. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 40, Figure 44, Figure 45, Figure 47)
- + 17 F vii. **Madora EDMONDS-80** was born on 28 Nov 1864. She died on 28 Aug 1947. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 40, Figure 45, Figure 46)
 - 18 M viii. **Lemuel EDMONDS-81** was born on 3 Sep 1866 in , , Illinois. He died in 1889 in , Cheyenne Cnty, Kansas. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 41)

⁶⁹ Figure 94-104 Figure 94, Figure 107-108 Figure 107: Robert Edmonds Diary and Account Book

-Edmonds 7

States that Lemuel died in infancy

-Edmonds 6

States that Lemuel was photographed with sister in 1885.

-Edmonds 58

Died of Consumption.

- -Edmonds 67
- -Edmonds 52
- + 19 F ix. **Laura Belle EDMONDS-82** was born on 30 Apr 1868. She died on 23 Jan 1956. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 41, Figure 42, Figure 79)
- + 20 M x. **John Leander EDMONDS-83** was born on 2 Oct 1872. He died in 1946. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 43, Figure 48)

Sixth Generation

13. Elizabeth Jane EDMONDS-77 (Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Aug 1857 in , , Illinois. She died on 20 May 1940 in , Henderson Cnty., Illinois. She was buried in Walnut Grove, Henderson Cnty., Illinois, Walnut Grove Cem.

-Edmonds 67 Date of birth differs August 26, 1857. -Edmonds 34 Born in Gibson County Illinois -Edmonds 52

Elizabeth married (MRIN:216) **James Farrington RANKIN-619** son of William RANKIN-776 and Elizabeth GROSS-910 (MRIN:263) on 22 Dec 1892. James was born on 2 Aug 1834 in Clinton, Vermillion Cnty., Indiana. He died on 22 Nov 1908 in Monmouth, , Illinois. He was buried in Walnut Grove, Henderson Cnty., Illinois, Walnut Grove Cem.

-Edmonds 34

James and Elizabeth had the following children:

21 M i. **Waldo Durte RANKIN-620** was born on 22 Sep 1893 in Walnut Grove, Henderson, Illinois. He died on 12 Aug 1982.

PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 35, Figure 36)

-Edmonds 34 Not married. WWI Veteran. Waldo took care of his Mother until a ripe old age. -

ii. Albert Farrington RANKIN-622 was born on 17 Nov 1895 in , Henderson Cnty., Illinois. He died on 12 Jun 1972. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 35)

-Edmonds 34 Not married. 23 F iii. **Emma Immogene RANKIN-621** was born on 14 Aug 1897. She died on 4 Feb 1967. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 35)

-Edmonds 34 Not married and died of cancer.

24 F iv. **Verna Edmond RANKIN-623** was born on 17 Oct 1898. She died on 23 Aug 1974. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 35)

-Edmonds 34 No Children.

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Verna married (MRIN:262) **Arthur J LIND-775** . Arthur was born on 14 Aug 1904.

25 M v. **Benjamin RANKIN-6374** . PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 35)

-Edmonds 53 -Edmonds 34

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14. Oliver Perry EDMONDS-63 (Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 24 Nov 1860 in Biggsville, , Illinois. He died on 11 May 1936 in Salem Oregon. He was buried in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, Rose City Cem..

PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 6, Figure 7, Figure 28, Figure 29)

CENSUS (Figure 126,Figure 127,Figure 128,Figure 129,Figure 130,Figure 131,Figure 132,Figure 133,Figure 134)

DEATH CERTIFICATE # 456 (SOURCE OREGON DEATH INDEX) BURIED ROSE CITY CEM. PORTLAND ORE. LOT # E 1/2 452 GRAVE 5&6 SECT 1 OCCUPATION:WORKED CITY, CLEANING STREETS, ALSO WERE FARMERS IN KANSAS -EDWARDS 273/POSSIBLE MENTION OF PENSION RECORD -came out to Oregon around 1920/1922+/-

- -On 3-9-10 I went to the Salem Archives to look for a will for this person. Negative results. JJE
- -Edmonds 66
- -Edmonds 67

Birth Date.

-Edmonds 4

Map of Biggsville III area with notes from Maxine Jewett

- -Edmonds 74
- -Edmonds 37

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START

Nubbin potatoes in the cellar. The real-estate salesman told my Papa - he would sell our home and property for free. In 2 weeks time we had 4 Kansas people were on the train headed for Portland Oregon... Where we found a people who preached the word of God! Made restitution - paid all unpaid bills - Where they pray for the sick, And God heals by the power of his might and besides all this I love the Lord as my Mama loved our God. I was born in the State of Kansas - My Mother was a Christian lady - She believed that God answered prayer. One morning her first greetings was - My dear child = My dear Lord talked to me through the night saying (not legible): if you would be willing to sell your Brand New Kimball piano for a certain price - I'll take you and your husband and two children to Portland Oregon - What a message - then she ask me = Would you like that? I answered = Hot digity dog!! Well she said you call Mrs. Henry and tell her about that - to see what she thought of that??? I called through Central - Well Mrs. Henry said she didn't think that was a good idea so I told Mrs. Henry - I'd tell

Mamma - When I hung up the telephone rang and it was the operator said - Mary please forgive me for listening but does your Mother really mean = she would sell her new Kimball piano for that price = I said = well I'll ask her - Mamma said = Well - I know my God ask me. Yes I will ! - The operator said = Mary don't answer your phone until I get to your house = I'll bring my bank book and come right over. Laid her bank book on the piano = How she played that piano like heavenly music floated - through our home --- she called to my Mama - saying do you really lean for the quoted price? Mama said that is what my Heavenly Father said to me - The operator - I'll write the check now and send a truck out to get my piano --- She added what are you going to do with all the rest of your belongings. We'll sell everything. I took the check to the bank things begin to move - the bank president said (no additional letter in file).

- ... My Papa What do you mean by all of this My Papa said it's an (?) of my women! So the banker said = I'll help you with some ideas go to the man who puts out our little paper have him make out sales bills on next Saturday at early morning start flooding the little town will the news. news have everyone come to your sail Papa bag lunch and all coffee they can drink. Sell all the milk cows etc etc all that was left was a little pile of ...(no further entries found to finish story).
- ... We weren't in Portland long until the real-estate salesman wrote of a buyer of the home fruit trees and acreage was sold for cash My parents purchased us a home needed cleaning from top to basement a lonely 3 bedroom home and large basement...

Listen to this thought = My mama had promised her three daughter = if they wouldn't go out with boy friend until they were 18 years old she would give each of them a gold ring as a gift = and if they would not get married until 25 they would get a watch costing 25 dollars - what do you think of that I happened to still be single and so I told Mama I'd refurbish the down stairs and stair way with my (I believe that this is the next page as it seems to fit) watch money - I had a sister n. law, who was a whiz in numbers so we purchased wall paper - that didn't have a design in it and we had a wallway - going upstairs my Father built scaffolding etc large living room - dining room and they needed curtains at the window. My sister - in law helped us paper and we only had a piece of paper 4 inches by 10 inches over from our papering - We had one joyful celebration - All our family was jubilant over my watch money reaching such lengths --- As soon as all the home work was completed - I was ready for another job... it was never hard for me to get work ..

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-Edmonds 37

Oliver Perry Edmonds and Nancy Tracy when living in Portland bought a home or lived in a home on 1st or 2nd on the Willamette River. Told to Johnny J. Edwards by Aunt Betty. 1-2011.

George and Alma Schmidt introduced Mary and Arthur. George was a photographer and Alma was a member of the church. Told to Johnny J. Edwards by Aunt Betty. 1-2011.

- -Edmonds 6
- -Edmonds 48
- -Edmonds 49a
- -Edmonds 52

Has death date as July 1936. Has birth date as November 11, 1860.

-Death Certificate

States that his residence was Milwaukie Or. Died in Salem Oregon at the Oregon State Hospital in Salem Oregon. Died of: cardiovascular disease renal disease.

Oliver married (MRIN:16) **Nancy Jane TRACY-64** daughter of John TRACY Jr.-94 and Susan M ROSE-95 (MRIN:23) on 27 Jul 1887 in Benkelman, , Nebraska. Nancy was born on 22 Aug 1864 in Mason City, Mason County Illinois. She died on 7 Sep 1937 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon. She was buried in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, Rose City Cem.. ⁷⁰ PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 25, Figure 26, Figure 28, Figure 29)

BURIED ROSE CITY CEM. PORTLAND ORE. LOT # E 1/2 452 GRAVE 5&6 SECT.1 DEATH CERTIFICATE # 3080 SOURCE OREGON DEATH INDEX

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-Tracy 9

Has her birth year as 1865

- -Edmonds 66
- -Edmonds 67

Date of birth differs 1864.

-Edmonds 4

Figure 87 Oliver Perry Edmonds and Nancy Jane Tracy Wedding Announcement

- -Edmonds 74
- -Edmonds 37

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-Edmonds 6

Transcription of handwritten account of Mary's ancestry and life.

Betty Jane and Cleone Aileen Charf

The research was done by Maxine Edmonds Jewett. My Brother Oren Edmonds the fourth child born to my Father Oliver Perry Edmonds.

and Nancy Jane Edmonds. Oren - Edmonds was born in Cheyenne County Kansas.

My Mother was 16 years old - was married to a College Graduate named George Houchin = they had a little son - don't remember his

age - but a baby boy = The daddy George Houchin was kicked by a mule in his stomach and died - day of his funeral my Mothers = Mother passed away = then in 2 weeks time the baby son passed away. My Mother had two sisters. The sister after Mama was Mary - their bay sister name was Julia. My Mama was a dressmaker - her sister worked for their Uncle who was a postmaster. Then the youngest Julia = but the Uncle and my Mother and Her sister didn't want them to adopt Julia = but they could take her to live with them. My Mother and Aunt Mary moved to Nebraska took out a piece of property for each of them to take what they called homesteading and they lived there till they earned the property as their own - each her own - there was two young...

... My Mama married Oliver Perry Edmonds and I have the adorable wedding invitation of the wedding =

you each may have a copy of it.... My parents built a lovely sod house where we lived many years. My oldest Brother name = Joseph - they called him Joe. My second Brother Ray Edmonds - then Ruth May - Carmon, Oren - Fred- Jennie Wolf - Verne - Mary - Wayne - At this writing = I Mary Ellen Edmonds Charf is the only child of Oliver Perry and Nancy Jane Edmonds. Every member of their family mad heaven their home - and I am near to the end time = with a song in y heart - waiting hoping longing for the great trip to Jesus arms and to meet the wonders of his glory. We'll all be waiting for you all - my precious - loving ones!

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Has birth date as August 22, 1864 and death date.

... Nancy Jane Tracy Houchin was born at Mason City Illinois. The family was living near Biggsville Illinois at the time they left for western Kansas and Nebraska. Nancy Jane and her sister Mary Elizabeth came to Neb. in 1886. Nancy Jane met Oliver Perry Edmonds and were married at Benkelman Nebraska on July 27, 1887.

Has birth year August 22, 1864.

Allen's Grove Township 1870 Federal Census.

-Tracy 7

Your great grandmother, My grandmother, was Nancy Jane Tracy. B. 22 August 1864 in Mason City Mason County Illinois. Died 7 Sept. 1937 in Portland Oregon. Buried in Rose City Cemetery. She was born to Susan M. Rose and John Tracy Jr. on her father's birthday 22 August 1839. She was one of 3 girls some say there had been 5 children but I've never been able to find them yet. John Tracy Jr. died 28 Sept 1870. He was only 31 or 32. Thought to be T.B. I have his will and probate. He married Susan Rose 11 Sept 1860 - Petersburg, Menard Co. Ill. (I have the wedding certificate). (copy enclosed).

Susan Rose died 25 Feb. 1881. She was 41. They are buried in Cherry Grove now called Green Mound Cemetery in Allyns Grove - a mile or so from where they lived. Nancy Jane, Mary and Julia were left orphans except Nancy Jane married already at just past 16 years old on 2nd of Oct. 1880 to George W. Houchin - a neighbor - 11 years older than she.

Every body married a neighbor in those days. Who else was there?

I discovered 1/2 of Morgan Co. Ohio were my Mother's family. My Great Grandmother married the boy on one side - a neighbor - He died at 26. She married the man on the other side. She had 3 children and each then live to be 89. Another terrific lady.

The story of Grandmother Nancy Jane. Most of us had heard all our lives- what tragedy she went through. I again had Aunt Mary tell me about 3 years ago and I wrote it verbatim while she spoke. It was not long distance and we would visit all afternoon - many times. Grandma had married at 16. She had a baby boy. Her husband was kicked in the stomach by a mule and died. Her baby boy died just 2 weeks later and the day of the baby's funeral her mother died. That is grim! It all happened but not just like that.

Nancy Jane married Houchin 2 Oct. 1880 as I stated. When I found out that her Mother, Susan Rose, died Feb. 1881. Any dummy can tell that is only 4 months. We all know the first child can come any time and it takes 9 months for the second.

I hired a genealogist in Mason Co. (I've hired genealogist in Nebraska - 2 Ohio 2 Illinois 3 or 4 Indiana, Hamilton Co Ohio - a historian - a fantastic lady I've been extremely fortunate and not even counting the beautiful friendships in these people. One 'old duffer' in Havana wanted 35.00 just to write me a letter explaining his fees - He's not one of the friendships I've made. You can't win 'em all but I've been terribly lucky. By the way - don't attempt anything in Nebraska except a Federal Census - Lds photo'd nothing there either. I've found Ohio is by far the best of about 10 I've "worked" in. They are extraordinary.

Back to my saga - By the way when I write "Nancy Jane" or the given name of any of these Grandparents is certainly no lack of respect on my part I must do this as I have traced 44 grand parents so far. Susan M. Rose died Feb. 1881. Nancy Jane's baby was not born until 1 Nov. 1881. He died 24 March 1882 he was 4 months and 24 days. Nancy's husband Geo. W. Houchin died at 27 years on 16 Feb. 1882. The are buried in Allens Grove Township and Cemetery. Nancy Jane not yet 18 - about 17 1/2 and a widow and 2 orphan sisters. When John Tracy Jr. - Nancy's father died in 1870 J. Tracy Sr. gave Susan and the 3 girls a warantee deed on 40 acres under cultivation worth in excess of \$4,000.00 - a lot in those days. I firmly believe that when Houchin, baby and Susan Rose died that the Houchins took the 40 acres from Nancy. In the late 20's or early 1930's 2 sisters of Houchin came to Portland Oregon and found Nancy Jane and apologized to her. No they didn't bring any money to her - and they were considered wealthy for those days and times. I vaguely remember this and Aunt Mary (your Grandmother) and I discussed this thoroughly on one of our lengthy p.m. chats.

It was more than rumored through the Tracy's and Francis Monks that John Tracy Sr. was a "pirate" - I don't believe it some of the reason: When he came with his family of wife and 4 children to Cass Co. in 1846. They of all things lived and moved in next door to "Nancy Rose", the Witty's, Bennets and Lucas

Tribe. John Tracy Jr. was about 6 and so was Susan M. Rose. Then his son later on married the daughter of Pleasant Rose and Nancy Witty. All census after that Nancy Rose appeared to be a widow - always the head of the household and no father. He didn't live with her apparently but Nancy Rose had 4 more children - even as late as 1850.

No way in the world could I find a Father or Husband - dead or alive - just last week I found where Pleasant Rose and Nancy Witty married 11 Aug. 1833 in "Greene " County.

Nancy Witty Rose was born in Kentucky in 1814 to John Britton Witty and Nancy Lucas. She has at least 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

I know no more about Pleasant Rose than he had to be 21 when he voted in the election in 1837 to split Cass Co. off Morgan Co. - and "saved by the bell" Pleasant died in 1855 as a daughter and heir had a legal guardian appointed by the court. He was my great grandfather.

John B. Witty died (ca) 1845 he was on an 1840 census born in S. C. - your 4th great grandfather.--Edmonds 75

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Fred's dad Thomas, what was 11, went by covered wagon to Benkelman Nebraska with Nancy Jane and Mary to homestead leaving Julia to grow up with George, then marry Joe Olinger.

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Oliver and Nancy had the following children:

- + 26 M i. **Joseph Oliver EDMONDS-65** was born on 2 Jul 1888. He died on 4 Jul 1955. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 49)
- + 27 M ii. **Harrison Roy EDMONDS-66** was born on 19 Nov 1890. He died on 25 Jun 1960.
- + 28 F iii. **Ruth May EDMONDS-67** was born on 11 Mar 1893. She died on 27 May 1969. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 10, Figure 50)
- + 29 M iv. Oren Lee EDMONDS-68 was born on 15 Jan 1895.
- + 30 M v. Fred EDMONDS-69 was born on 3 Feb 1897. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 51)
- + 31 F vi. **Jennie Marie EDMONDS-70** was born on 21 Mar 1899. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 52)

- + 32 M vii. Verne Everett EDMONDS-71 was born on 2 Mar 1901. He died on 19 Nov 1974. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 53)
- + 33 F viii. Mary Ellen EDMONDS-21 was born on 23 Jun 1903. She died on 7 Jul 2000. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 8, Figure 11, Figure 12, Figure 13, Figure 14, Figure 15, Figure 54)
- + 34 M ix. **Frederick Wayne EDMONDS-72** was born on 13 Feb 1909. He died in 1960. PHOTOGRAPH (Figure 54)
- 16. **Alzada EDMONDS-79** (Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Nov 1864 in , , Illinois. She died in 1947 in , , Kansas.
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 - -Email

Alzada Edmonds

From:

Ruth Schmidt

To: johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com Sat, May 7, 2011 1:21:24 PM

Alzada Edmonds

My name is Ruth Smith Schmidt and I received a copy of the e-mail you sent to my friend, Barbara about the Edmonds family. I am Alzada's granddaughter. My father was John Oren Smith. I don't really know where to start, but I would like to find out more about you and your end of the family and would be happy to share anything I can from my end.

OB and Alzada Smith moved from the St. Francis, KS area to the Sterling, KS area close to the turn of the last century and later to Pretty Prairie, KS to help a friend start a new United Presbyterian Church. There grandpa ran a dray service. They delivered freight that came in on the railroad to the various businesses in town and coal to peoples homes, etc. Oliver was also a great fiddle player and liked to entertain at the socials on Saturday night.

Alzada was a great cook and gardener. One of our special treats was to go to grandma's for homemade bread and red jam. Another special treat was to be able to sit beside her at church on Sunday morning. And I knew that if it was my turn to sit by her, I'd for sure better be good.

I look forward to hearing from you, Johnny, and sharing information. I have a niece who lives in The Dalles and a granddaughter who lives in Brookings.

Your cousin, Ruth

Alzada married (MRIN:217) Oliver SMITH-624 on 16 Mar 1895.

They had the following children:

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35 M i. Wilfred SMITH-625.
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36 F ii. Nannie SMITH-626 .
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37 F iii. Martha SMITH-627.

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38 F iv. Bessi SMITH-628.
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Mentions Bessie Smith Manny in a letter from Winifred Carmen.

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39 M v. John Paul SMITH-629.
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40 M vi. Paul SMITH-631.
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41 M vii. Oliver SMITH-630.

42 M viii. Howard SMITH-632.

17. Madora EDMONDS-80 (Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Nov 1864 in Coloma?, Henderson Cnty, Illinois. She died on 28 Aug 1947 in , Cheyenne Cnty, Kansas. She was buried in Benkelman, Cheyenne Cnty, Nebraska.

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Email dated: Wed, April 6, 2011 7:13:09 AM

Subject: family

From: Gina Hunt

To: Johnny Edwards < johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com>

Dear John, I am not sure where to start with the info on the Merklin-Edmonds family. I will start with William Theodore and Medora. William T was born Oct 24, 1869, Worth County, Missouri, son of Henry and Anna Merklin, and passed away Dec 19, 1957. Medora Elizabeth Edmonds was born Nov 28, 1864 Henderson County, Illinois and passed away at her home in Chevenne County, Kanasa Aug 8, 1947. They were married March 8, 1894. To this union 6 children were born David Albert, Robert Henry, Lemuel Edmond, Willa Josephine, Mabel Elizabeth, and Alzada Belle. David Albert is my grandfather, he was born Dec 28, 1894, near his grandfather Edmonds farm in Cheyenne County, KS and died Jan2, 1929 Stratton, Nebraska. He married Manila Alfreda Osborn April 17, 1916. Manila was born July 16, 1898 in a covered wagon near McCook, NE and passed away Dec 25 1998, Benkelman, Ne. To this union 5 Children were born, Audrey Alfalfa Princess, Donovan Albert, William Stanley, Phyllis Elaine and my dad David Albert. Dad was born July 16, 1929 on his mothers birthday. My mom is Arlene Grace Wolbach Merklin, daughter of Frank and Lelya Wolbach, born August 8, 1931 and passed away July 10, 2009. To this union 4 children were born, Gina Marie born June 8, 1958 David O II, born Setp 1, 1962 and passed away Mar 28, 1985, Arletta Elaine born Nov 11, 1963, and Frank Albert, born Sept 5, 1968. I need to get ready for work, so I will write more later. Do you have pictures of William T and Medora? I don't have alot of old pictures, but will look, I have my grandparents wedding picture. Hope this helps. Gina

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Madora married (MRIN:218) **William Theodore MERKLIN-633** son of Henry MERKLIN-1190 and Anna M DICKENSON-1191 (MRIN:400) on 8 Mar 1894. William was born on 24 Oct 1869 in , Worth County, Missouri. He died on 19 Dec 1957 in Benkelman, , Nebraska. He was buried in Benkelman, , Nebraska.

They had the following children:

- + 43 M i. David Albert MERKLIN-634 was born on 28 Dec 1894.
- + 44 M ii. Robert Henry MERKLIN-635 was born on 9 Jun 1896.
- + 45 M iii. **Lemuel Edmond MERKLIN-636** was born on 1 Jun 1898. He died on 12 Aug 1991. 71
 - 46 F iv. **Willa Josephine MERKLIN-638** was born on 2 Sep 1899. She died in 1988.

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⁷¹ Figure 71 Obituary L.E. Merklin son of Madora Edmonds Merklin

Willa married (MRIN:224) Ruben WEBER-645.

47 F v. **Mabel Elizabeth MERKLIN-639** was born on 14 Apr 1901. She died on 22 Apr 1991. ⁷²

-Edmonds 52 Obituary

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48 F vi. Alzada Bell MERKLIN-637 was born on 18 Feb 1903.

-Edmonds 52

Alzada married (MRIN:223) Claude PICKETT-644.

19. Laura Belle EDMONDS-82 (Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 30 Apr 1868 in Biggsville, , Illinois. She died on 23 Jan 1956 in Benkelman, , Nebraska. She was buried in Benkelman, , Nebraska, Benkelman Cem.. ⁷³

-Edmonds 67 Date of death differs 1959. -Edmonds 52

Date of death differs 1959.

Printed in the Benkelman, NE Post, June 1956

Laura Belle (Edmonds) Gorthy

Mrs. Laura B. Gorthy, 88, passed away at the Morehouse hospital early Saturday morning after a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Laughlin Funeral Home in Benkelman, with Rev. J. William Woodworth of the United Presbyterian church conducting the services. Mrs. Dorothy Woodworth was the soloist and Mrs. Jo Anne Rath was the organist. Casket bearers were Dent Gallatin, Roy Davis, J. B. Jackson, Ray Buffington, John Ramsey and Paul Knecht. Burial was in the Benkelman cemetery.

Laura Belle Edmonds, the ninth child of Oren and Nancy Edmonds, was born on a farm near Biggsville in Henderson county, Illinois, on April 30, 1868, and departed this life at Benkelman, Nebraska, on June 23, 1956, at the age of 88 years, 1 month and 23 days.

The passing of this pioneer gentle lady marks the end of an era in the history of her beloved homeland, an era which began in the spring of 1886 when Mrs. Gorthy came west with her family and settled on a

⁷² Figure 72 Obituary of Mabel Merklin Daughter of Madora Edmonds Merklin

⁷³ Figure 79 Obituary of Laura Belle Edmonds Gorthy Daughter of Oren and Nancy Edmonds

homestead in Cheyenne county, Kansas, one of the first families to settle on the South Fork. Life in the high plains was then at flood tide; each train brought long strings of immigrant cars bearing the belongings of hopeful homesteaders. God had blessed Mrs. Gorthy with a keen mind and perfect memory which served her until the end, and she wholeheartedly put her talents into the building of an empire through the education of its children. School books were a scarce commodity and money with which to buy them was non-existent. But the pupils of this gracious lady were instructed in the arts and sciences in a thorough manner which has served them well through life.

And then, as happens only to the most worthy, Laura Edmonds found the one great love that was to sustain her through all her life in the person of James Gorthy, an adventurous Scottish homesteader from New York. They were united in marriage on May 16, 1888, and amid the good wishes of their fellow pioneers, took up residence in a sod house on the South Fork which Mr. Gorthy had built for his bride. During the years of their residence there, Mrs. Gorthy became the mother of six children, three boys and three girls. The Gorthy home was a place of happiness and light, and one wherein an honest

and practical religion was the way of life. Church services were held in the home until the settlers could build a church wherein to give thanks.

The lives of truly good people are always a model for those of us who remain, they by their living have made our lot easier. It is both fitting and proper that the obituary of this kindly lady should be interspersed with the word's of Temple Bailey's "A Parable for Mothers."

The young mother set her foot on the path of life, "Is the way long?" she asked.

And the Guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children and gathered flowers for them along the way; and the sun shone on them, and life was good, and the young mother said, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this." As husband and wife, James and Laura Gorthy spent 63 glorious years together, enduring the privations of pioneer life, breaking the sod, subduing a wild country, raising their family, enduring drouth, privation, pestilence and the discouragements which drove weaker people back to the more sheltered surroundings.

In 1895 life in the high plains had reached such an ebb that Mr. Gorthy was forced to take a job in a dairy in Denver to provide food for his family. His faithful wife kept the family holdings together until he could return. Mr. Gorthy's employer asked him to stay on in the city, but the challenge of the plains brought him back to fight on.

When the good years returned, the Gorthy's foresight in selecting a place to live proved itself to be right and their farm home became an outstanding example of what good husbandry could accomplish. In 1938 when James and Laura celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Mr. Gorthy was asked why so many others had failed where he had succeeded. He smiled and nodded toward his beloved wife, and said, "They didn't have her."

The night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come," and the mother said, "This is better than the brightness of the day, for I have taught my children courage."

And the mornig came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary and the mother was weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience, and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they had reached the top, they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars, and said: "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness."

In her home and in her work, Laura Gorthy was a Christian. A part of each day was devoted to the reading of scripture regardless of the press of work. In times of stress, her reading of her favorite

chapter, the 23rd Psalm and her favorite verse, John 3:16, brought comfort and restored fortitude to her soul. In her last illness, she spoke of being anxious to go to her heavenly home. Mrs. Gorthy was a lifelong member of the United

Presbyterian church, and joined the Benkelman church in 1893. She was a charter and Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society over which she presided as president for a number of years. At the time

of her death she was the oldest living member of the United Presbyterian church in Benkelman.

And the next day came strange clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said, "Look up. Lift your eyes to the Light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

On May 5, 1950, the golden cord was severed and Laura was parted from her beloved husband. The strain and toil of her faithful and loving care of him in his last illness affected her health seriously. But in the face of her loss, she gathered up the scattered threads of her life and with Christian bravery and fortitude brought cheer and faith into the lives of others. In 1952 she herself was stricken with a broken hip, but her indomitable and hardy constitution triumphed and she recovered and continued to enjoy life.

Mrs. Gorthy leaves to mourn passing three daughters, Anna Benge and Hazel Sutton of Benkelman and Mildred Smith of Pasadena, California; one son, Walter, of Cheyenne county, Kansas; six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Two sons, Harold and Paul, preceded her in death.

"And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years and the mother grew old, and she was tired and weary. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their mother; and when the way was rough, they lifted her and carried her; and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.

And the mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them." And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."

Laura married (MRIN:30) **James GORTHY-115** on 16 May 1888 in , Cheyenne, Kansas. James was born on 12 Nov 1865 in North Broadalbin, , New York. He died on 5 May 1950 in Benkelman, , Nebraska. He was buried in Benkelman, , Nebraska, Benkelman Cem..

Printed in the Benkelman, NE Post, May 1950

James Gorthy

James Gorthy departed this life at around 7:30 Friday night after leaving been in a coma for two or three days. The end had been known to be inevitable for several days as it became known each day that the closing days and hours of his earthly journey were nearing the close and members of the family, along with Doctor David Wright, were at his bedside when the final summons came.

With the passing of James Gorthy the number of pioneer settlers of the days of the middle eighties, who carried on thru the dark days that were to follow the sensational and promising opening of a new country to new people, was reduced by one more, leaving but a few to tell the story of what it took in courage and suffering to bring this little section of this great nation of ours to the point of the importance that it now occupies. Jim, as everybody knew and liked to call him, knew not alone the trials and tribulations of what it required to carry on during the dark days but he knew what the value of progress

and development all along the way meant too and few men in our community's history tried to do more to the end of ,greater economical and cultural development than he did. It seemed that his ambitions

and greatest desires were all built around the word progress. He was one of the first to turn to the one-time new , system of summer fallowing on his South Fork farm and. he made it pay. And in making it pay, he likewise developed his fine farm to the point where it was outstanding in his community. He believed that the homesteaders were entitled to the best the times had to offer. He loved good horses, good cattle, good farm equipment and everything he thought tended to the general good. He was among the first in the entire section to buy an automobile, trucks, tractors , and everything that pointed to things modern for despite the fact that he was once a poverty-stricken homesteader, he never entertained poverty-stricken ideas in his daily contribution to the onward march of progress. He loved his neighbors and his neighbors loved him, and to have known and mingled with men like James Gorthy for more than a half a century and to have observed him in everyday life and have noted his kindly consideration and tolerance of his neighbors and friends, as we, like others, have been privileged to do, we know that it could have not been otherwise.

And when the day came when Mr. Gorthy felt himself unequal to the task of carrying on physically in the management of his farm, he retired to buy a home in Benkelman which he soon replaced with a new one, which, by the way, is one of the finest in the city, and with this accomplished, he turned to the purchase of other properties, whether residential or on the business street and everybody who knows Benkelman knows what a splendid job he accomplished to the general good of the town. Another outstanding characteristic of Mr. Gorthy was his tendency to the public development and though he was perhaps the heaviest individual taxpayers within our city, he always stood for progress and advancement and he could be counted on to take that stand in all community activities tending to the public good without regard to the additional taxes that would thus be personally charged to himself. When it was for a better town and better things for the community, money did not count with him. His long and active life taught him early that things worthwhile called for worthwhile effort and those were the things that he liked.

At the time of his retirement from the farm many of our people expected that he would choose St. Francis rather than Benkelman in which to locate which was a natural conclusion, but how fortunate indeed was Benkelman when he concluded that Benkelman would not alone be his home but the scene of his future efforts. And now today our little city joins members of the bereaved family and hundreds of friends in a sense of deep sorrow that he has been called from our midst for he was indeed a fine and exemplary citizen, measured from whatever angle you care to choose.

Funeral services were held at the Laughlin Funeral chapel Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. J. William Woodworth officiated at the service. Mrs. Dorothy Woodworth sang and Miss JoAnn Laughlin presided at the Hammond organ. Pallbearers were A. N. Sherbert, Earl Ballard, Claude Leech, Lou Daum, Clarence Oakley and Dent Gallatin. Interment was in the Benkelman cemetery.

James, the son of Peter and Miriam Gorthy was born on a farm near Broadalbin, New York, November 12, 1865, and departed this life at his home in Benkelman, Nebraska, on May 5, 1950 at the age of 84 years, five months and 23 days.

His early life followed the pattern of the usual life of a farm boy. He helped his parents, attended country school in New York, and, as he grew in age and stature, he industriously applied himself to such work as was available to him in that eastern community.

As he neared manhood, he heard that vast opportunities awaited a young man in the West. The blood of his Scotch ancestors gave him the exploring spirit of the pioneer, the determination to withstand hardships and privations, a rugged honest character and the desire to win for himself the admiration and respect of the other men of his day. Fired by this ambition, he with his brother Tom and two other boys came west in search of a homestead in Kansas or Nebraska. They finally settled on the fertile wheat land

of Cheyenne county, Kansas, where Mr. Gorthy settled on a homestead, and laid the foundation of the extensive, ranch holdings which, to the day of his death, he thought of as "home".

On May 16, 1888, he was married to Laura Edmonds, the daughter of another pioneer family. As husband and wife they spent 62 years together, enduring the privations of pioneer life, breaking sod, subduing a wild country, rearing their family, enduring drought, pestilence and the discouragements which drove weaker people back to the more sheltered surroundings. There are only a few who now recall from firsthand knowledge the drought of the early nineties, the clouds of grasshoppers coming up from the south, the financial panic of 1894, all of which combined to a state of adversity which made the acquisition of the daily food a matter of prime concern. The better years came to the country. Mr. Gorthy's foresight in selecting, a place to live proved itself to be right; he became one of the outstanding wheat producers of his community and his farm became an outstanding example of what good husbandry could accomplish.

In 1914 Mr. and Mrs. Gorthy moved to Benkelman leaving his son Paul in charge of the ranch. He maintained his interest there however but gradually left the work and responsibility to the younger folks. In Benkelman he was interested in civic affairs serving faithfully and efficiently on the City Council and School Board. His good judgment and experience were sought and respected.

In August of 1947, Mr. Gorthy suffered a fall which broke his hip and very little hope was held for his recovery at that time, His sturdy determination to walk again gave him courage to live but he never completely recovered from this injury and all that the loving hands of his faithful wife, children, friends and medical science could do was of no avail.

Mr. Gorthy leaves to mourn his departure his ever loving and faithful wife Laura, his three daughters Anne Benge and Hazel Sutton of Benkelman, Mildred Smith of Pasadena, California, and one son Walter of Cheyenne county, Kansas. He also leaves six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was the last surviving member of his family. His father, mother, four brothers, two sisters and two sons, Harold and Paul having preceded him in death.

To his wife he leaves a memory of an ever faithful husband, companion and partner. His children remember him as a loving and generous father. To his family and to the world he leaves the example of a successful man, rugged in principle, honest and upright in his dealings, a friendly, witty fellow traveler whose thrift and perseverance brought to him material independence, universal respect and the eternal love of his family and neighbors.

James and Laura had the following children:

Walter Lawerance GORTHY-116 was born on 20 Mar 1889 in , Cheyenne,
 Kansas. He died on 17 Apr 1976.

Printed in the Benkelman, NE Post, April 1976

Walter Lawrence Gorthy

Funeral services for Walter L. Gorthy were held at the Kramer Chapel in St. Francis, KS on April 19, 1976 at 2:30 p.m. with Reverend Wm. Leach officating.

Reverend King David sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beautiful Isle" accompanied by Eunice Burnham.

Pall bearers were Paul Gorthy, Jack Maring, Melvin Carmen, Keith Carmen, Jim Barnhart and Jerdene Barnhart.

Honorary pall bearers were Ernest Bressler, W. D. McDowell, Herb Lawpe, Fred Magely St., Louie Ross, George Houtman and Guy Lewis.

Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Walter Lawrence Gorthy, first child of Laura Bell (Edmonds) and James Gorthy was born in a sod house in Cheyenne County, Kansas, on March 20, 1889, and passed into the Eternal Kingdom on April 17 in the Northwest Kansas Medical Center, Goodland, Kansas at the age of 87 years and 28 days, with his passing ended another era of a senior citizen who was born before the turn of the century to a pioneer family. His childhood was spent in Cheyenne County where he grew to manhood on the Gorthy homestead in the Southfork Community where he attended the rural school and church.

As he grew in age and stature, he became interested in seeking adventure and employment. In 1906, when Walter was seventeen years of age, he traveled by horseback to Chug Water, Wyoming to visit a friend. After deciding to remain there, his first endeavor was to work as a cowboy for the Swan Land and Cattle Company, later the Colonel Toms M. Ranch, and the Z. O. Z. Cattle Company. As the years passed, he took great pride in his job, as a jerk line driver of a twenty horse team hauling freight for Burt Austin of Casper, Wyoming.

In 1916 Walter was united to Effie Franklin, in Casper. To this union one son, Walter Dewayne, was born, and departed his life at the age of one year. Between the years of 1922 and 1932, Mr. and Mrs. Gorthy owned and operated the Merchant Ware House and Transfer Co. of Casper.

He returned to Cheyenne County to enter the business of farming and ranching with his brother, Paul, in 1938.

Walter was united in marriage to Lillian (Boyd) Nelson on November 10, 1942 in Goodland, Kansas. They continued to live on the farm until his health began to fail, and in the fall of 1972, they retired to their present home in Bird City, Kansas.

 $\mbox{Mr.}$ Gorthy was baptized as an infant and was a member of the United Methodist Church.

He passed through the successive degrees of Masonry in the Casper, Wyoming

Masonic Lodge No. 15 AF&AM and later transferred his membership to the St. Francis, Masonic Lodge No. 404. He was also honored by the Grand Lodge of Kansas on his fifty years of interest, love, and faithful membership in the Masonic order. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge.

One of the highlights of his wedded life was celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary with relatives and friends in 1967.

Mr. Gorthy leaves to mourn, his wife Lillian; one step daughter and family, Wanda Walkey of Loveland, Colo., four step sons and families, Neil Nelson of Demarest, New Jersey, Don Nelson of Grand Island, Nebr., Marvin and Jim Nelson of Greeley, Colo., Jean, wife of the late Leonard Nelson of Aurora, Colo.; two sisters Hazel Sutton and Anne L. Benge of Benkelman, Nebr, three nieces, four nephews, nineteen step grandchildren, and six step great grandchildren and other relatives.

Preceding him in death are his son Walter Dewayne, his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Gorthy, one step son Leonard Nelson, two brothers Paul and Harold, and one sister Mildred Smith.

Walter married (MRIN:116) Lilly NELSON-349.

- + 50 F ii. **Hazel Ava GORTHY-117** was born on 20 Aug 1890. She died on 7 Feb 1979. ⁷⁴
- + 51 M iii. **Paul GORTHY sr.-118** was born on 3 May 1892. He died on 3 Aug 1940.
- + 52 F iv. **Mildred GORTHY-119** was born on 21 May 1894. She died on 6 Jan 1975.
 - 53 M v. **James Harold GORTHY-120** was born on 25 Feb 1901 in , Cheyenne, Kansas. He died on 25 Mar 1901.

-Edmonds 58 Died in infancy.

- + 54 F vi. Anna Laura GORTHY-121 was born on 25 Nov 1905.
- 20. **John Leander EDMONDS-83** (Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 2 Oct 1872 in , , Illinois. He died in 1946 in , Cheyenne Cnty, Kansas.

-Edmonds 67 Birth date. -Edmonds 38 Letter written to Johnny J. Edwards -Edmonds 52

⁷⁴ Figure 83 Obituary of Hazel Gorthy Sutton and Mildred Gorthy Smith

⁷⁵ Figure 81 Obituary of Paul Gorthy Sr.

Figure 82 Obituary of Paul Gorthy Sr.

Figure 83 Obituary of Hazel Gorthy Sutton and Mildred Gorthy Smith

John married (MRIN:219) Nannie WHISNANT-640 in St. Francis, , Kansas.

-Nannie Norcross Whisnot Edmonds

Source:

Photograph in Directory Edmonds and Charf Misc photographs

-http://www.migrations.org/individual.php3?record=31591

Name Lifespan Where Born John WHISNANT 1858-1894 NC Additional Notes Migration Steps

Born in Cleveland county, NC, at the age of 9 years, he, his brother Davie and mother (Margaret March Whisnant) moved to Illinois. He married Elizabeth Jane Mount in Illinois. In 1885 with Elizabeth Jane (wife) and children Margaret, Charlie and Nannie moved to Kansas in a covered wagon. Their first home in Kansas was a combination dugout and sod house. He homesteaded in Cheyene county, Kansas. to IL in 1867

to Cheyenne County, KS in 1885

Researcher: Geraldine Whisnant Livers

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John and Nannie had the following children:

55 F i. **Nina EDMONDS-646** .

Nina married (MRIN:225) William LINSCOTT-650.

56 M ii. Edgar EDMONDS-647.

Edgar married (MRIN:226) Gladys MACE-651.

- + 57 F iii. Winifred EDMONDS-648.
 - 58 M iv. **Johnny EDMONDS-649**.

Johnny married (MRIN:228) Rachel MOORE-653.

Seventh Generation

- 26. **Joseph Oliver EDMONDS-65** (Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 2 Jul 1888. He died on 4 Jul 1955 in Hermiston Oregon.
 - -farmer
 - -veteran/no
 - -came to or in 1937+/-, bought land in Staford/Arminston
 - -1900 Federal Census for date of Birth.
 - -Edmonds 55

Married at the Baker Family Home and then moved to Bird City Kansas. In March of 1939, Joseph and Sarah moved to Metzger, Oregon, where the younger children finished their education. They moved again to Hermiston to farm for a few years but Joe's health forced them to move from their farm and buy a home in town. After an extended illness, Joe passed away July 4, 1955. Sarah continued to live in Hermiston until her death on October 26, 1966.

Joe and Sarah Moved from the Portland area to a farm outside Hermiston. Eventually, they sold the farm and had two different homes in town. Stays in Pendleton Oregon during his last year of life in 1955.

- -Edmonds 66
- -Edmonds 67
- -Edmonds 4
- -Edmonds 6
- -Edmonds 55

Grave photograph. Appears to have been a Freemason with flowers shape in a masonic emblem.

-Edmonds 55

photograph

..Joe and Grandma Sarah moved from the Portland area to a farm outside Hermiston. Eventually they sold the farm and had two different home in town. Joe is buried in the Portland Oregon area.

-Edmonds 52

Has birth as July 1, 1888.

-Email

Thu, May 5, 2011 8:24:35 PM

Note From:

Lyle Edmonds

To: johnny6 28 66@yahoo.com

HI Johnny

Have you seen Barbara Edmonds and her Husband Ralph. They are Joe Edmonds Grand son. Russell and Kate's Son I have been trying to size up Carolyne Edmonds, Kerr thinking she might be Richard's Brother. What I am thinking she may be too young to be her.

I think I may have to contact Uncle Lee to find out if Richard lives in our area. I went to the Milwaukie School and through the Alumni could not find his name.

Sure wish we would have kept more in contact. When Aunt Alice was alive, years ago they came with their Mother. I remember my son Richard was there at the same time. I have Ralph's address. He does chain saw carving so he gave us a card at Neil's on time. Back when Kate and Russell's sister who married a Case. The mother

of the lady that gave you lots of good pictures. My memory is very bad I will be 78 so I almost wore it out.

Good seeing you on Face I watch a lot as Rachel is Richard my,son's, daughter. Jared is Jim's son in Idaho, Sean and Shane Wilson are my daughter Valerie's children. Denny is our Son and on face is Kate Edmonds his wife, Jennifer Draper his sister Monique Suhon a 1/2 Sister Justin Edmonds Denny's son. Heather Kendall another of his daughters So you can see how I can keep up with my family's younger ones.

Nice chatting with you Johnny

Joseph married (MRIN:266) **Sarah Ellen BAKER-788** on 21 Feb 1910. Sarah died on 26 Oct 1966 in Hermiston Oregon.

- -Edmonds 55 obituary. Wedding certificate.
- -Edmonds 55

photograph

..Joe and Grandma Sarah moved from the Portland area to a farm outside Hermiston. Eventually they sold the farm and had two different home in town. Joe is buried in the Portland Oregon area.

Joseph and Sarah had the following children:

- + 59 M i. **Harold Vincent EDMONDS-4936** was born on 28 Feb 1911. He died in 1970.
 - 60 M ii. **Kenneth Earl EDMONDS-4935** was born on 20 Oct 1913. He died on 1 Jan 1917 in Benkelman Nebraska . He was buried Benkelman Nebraska Cemetery.

-Edmonds 55

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- + 61 F iii. **Iris May (Mae) EDMONDS-4937** was born on 7 Nov 1917. She died on 7 Oct 2007.
- + 62 M iv. Russell Bertrand EDMONDS-4938 was born on 29 Apr 1922.
 - 63 M v. Fred Merlyn EDMONDS-6483 was born on 11 Mar 1924. He died on 19

Oct 1924.

-Edmonds 55 Death notice of Fred M. Edmonds and photograph. -Edmonds 55 photograph

- + 64 F vi. **Verta Verl EDMONDS-4939** was born on 20 Dec 1925.
 - 65 F vii. **Berta Berle EDMONDS-4940** was born on 20 Dec 1925. She died on 23 Dec 1925.

-Edmonds 55

27. Harrison Roy EDMONDS-66 (Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 19 Nov 1890 in St. Francis., Kansas. He died on 25 Jun 1960 in Portland Oregon.

- -occupation ks/farmer, or/carpenter
- -veteran/no
- -1900 Federal Census for date of Birth.

Has 1891 as birth year.

- -Edmonds 66
- -Edmonds 67

Date of birth differs Nov. 10, 1890. Date of death provided. Date of Death.

- -Edmonds 4
- -Edmonds 6
- -Edmonds 48

Mentions dinners on Sunday that Harrison Roy and wife use to put on.

-Edmonds 58

has date of birth Nov. 18.

-Edmonds 52

Has birth year November 10, 1890

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Harrison married (MRIN:267) **Lottie Mae BEESON-789** on 14 Apr 1908. Lottie was born on 25 Oct 1891 in Fostoria County Kansas. She died on 3 Jun 1978 in Tigard Oregon.

-Edmonds 58

-Edmonds 67

Place of birth differs with Washington Co., Kansas.

-Edmonds 67

Place of Death.

-Edmonds 48

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Harrison and Lottie had the following children:

- 66 M i. Ray Willard EDMONDS-1155 was born on 1 Nov 1908. He died on 22 Jan 1996.
- 67 F ii. Laverne Ruth EDMONDS-4941 was born on 16 Nov 1911.
- 68 F iii. Myrtle Marie EDMONDS-1156 was born on 28 Apr 1913.
- 69 F iv. Vera Idella EDMONDS-4942 was born on 12 Sep 1917.
- 70 M v. Leroy EDMONDS-1154 was born on 23 Jan 1919.
- 28. Ruth May EDMONDS-67 (Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 11 Mar 1893 in St. Francis, Chevenne County, Kansas. She died on 27 May 1969 in Benkelman, Dundy County, Nebraska. She was buried in St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis Kansas.
 - -Edmonds 57, Pg.1 Obituary Pg.1-2 -Edmonds 66 -Edmonds 4 -Edmonds 37 **Photographs** -Edmonds 6
 - -Edmonds 52

Ruth married (MRIN:268) Arthur Richter CARMAN-790 son of Charles CARMAN-6278 and Louise WAGNER-6279 (MRIN:2127) on 20 Oct 1915 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas. Arthur was born on 23 Jan 1884 in Phillipsburg, Logan County, Kansas. He died on 18 Mar 1959 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas. He was buried in St. Francis Cemetery, St. Francis Kansas.

-Edmonds 57, Pg.2 Obituary Pg.2

Arthur and Ruth had the following children:

- + 71 F i. **Helen Maxine CARMAN-6276** was born on 27 Oct 1916. She died on 12 Oct 2000.
- + 72 M ii. **Chester James CARMAN-6280** was born on 8 Jun 1919. He died on 25 Apr 1990.
- + 73 M iii. **Keith Wilmer CARMAN-6281** was born on 13 Mar 1921. He died on 25 Oct 1999.
- + 74 F iv. Margeret Janette CARMAN-6196 was born on 1 Oct 1924.
- 29. **Oren Lee EDMONDS-68** (Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 15 Jan 1895.
 - -1900 Federal Census for date of Birth.
 - -Edmonds 66
 - -Edmonds 4
 - -Edmonds 6
 - -Edmonds 6
 - -Edmonds 52

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Oren married (MRIN:165) Grace E WILSON-517. Grace died in 1943.

-Edmonds 75

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Oren and Grace had the following children:

75 M i. Lindall Allen EDMONDS-515.

-Edmonds 59

Died Alzheimer's 2002+/-

-Edmonds 52

Lindell Edmonds Pastor of Bible Fellowship Church Phoenix Arizona. Small flyer with his information.

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76 M ii. Byron D EDMONDS-516.

-Edmonds 59 Died. Diabetes. Blind both eyes.

77 F iii. Maxine EDMONDS-487.

-Tracy 9 -Edmonds 6 -Tracy 7

30. **Fred EDMONDS-69** (Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 3 Feb 1897.

2-9-08

Erma Giselman married Harry Giselman when I was about 14-16 years old. I don't know where she is buried but I believe she died about 4-5 years ago. There were no children. Virginia Edmonds Simpson did marry Tommy Simpson and there were no children. Again, I don't remember exactly when she died nor where she is buried.

- -1900 Federal Census for date of Birth.
- -Edmonds 66
- -Edmonds 4
- -Edmonds 6
- -Edmonds 55
- photograph -Edmonds 52

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Fred married (MRIN:213) Della GISH-791.

-Edmonds 55 photograph

Fred and Della had the following children:

- + 78 F i. Cleo EDMONDS-608.
- + 79 F ii. Virginia EDMONDS-609.

80 F iii. Erma EDMONDS-610.

-no children -2-9-08

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Erma married (MRIN:214) Harry GISELMAN-611.

- 31. **Jennie Marie EDMONDS-70** (Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 21 Mar 1899.
 - -1900 Federal Census for date of Birth.
 - -Edmonds 66
 - -Edmonds 4
 - -Edmonds 6
 - -Edmonds 49a
 - -Edmonds 55
 - photograph
 - -Edmonds 52

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Jennie married (MRIN:215) **Homer Henry WOLF-612** son of George Wesley WOLF-6411 and Calvernia HAUCHIN-6412 (MRIN:2174).

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-Edmonds 59
Brother to Letha, wife of Vern Edmonds. Children are double cousins.
-Edmonds 55
photograph
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Homer and Jennie had the following children:

- + 81 F i. **Josophine WOLF-613** was born on 31 Aug 1918.
- + 82 F ii. **Wynona WOLF-618** .
- + 83 F iii. Roberta Marie WOLF-614 was born on 28 Aug 1922.

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84 F iv. Freda Jean WOLF-616.
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85 M v. Ray Eugene WOLF-615 .

Ray married (MRIN:387) Joanne-1159.

86 F vi. Beverly WOLF-617.

32. **Verne Everett EDMONDS-71** (Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 2 Mar 1901. He died on 19 Nov 1974 in Oregon. He was buried in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, Rose City Cem..

Verne married (MRIN:211) **Letha Maria WOLF-777** daughter of George Wesley WOLF-6411 and Calvernia HAUCHIN-6412 (MRIN:2174) on 29 Aug 1923. Letha was born on 1 Sep 1904. She died on 28 Aug 1992. She was buried in Rose City Cemetery, Portland Oregon.

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-Edmonds 59
Sister to Homer, husband to Jennie Edmonds. Children are double cousins.
-Edmonds 53.5
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Verne and Letha had the following children:

+ 87 F i. **Opal Elaine EDMONDS-606** was born on 5 Jan 1924. She died on 31 May 2010.

- + 88 F ii. **Vivian Lee EDMONDS-1160** was born on 28 Jul 1926. She died on 27 Oct 2008.
- + 89 F iii. Barbara Jean EDMONDS-1161 was born on 12 Oct 1930.
- + 90 M iv. **Don EDMONDS-605**.
- + 91 F v. Patricia Ann EDMONDS-604 was born on 12 Jan 1934.
 - 92 M vi. Terry EDMONDS-6270.
 - -Edmonds 59
 - -Edmonds 37
 - **Photographs**
- 33. Mary Ellen EDMONDS-21 (Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 23 Jun 1903 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas. She died on 7 Jul 2000 in Tigard Oregon. She was buried on 10 Jul 2000 in Rose City Cemetery Portland Oregon(mausoleum).

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SCHOOL - GRADE SCHOOL IN RIVERSIDE _____?____
HIGH SCCHOOL ST. FRANCIS KS.
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OCCUPTION - LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL PORTLAND ORE. ON HOW TO OPERATE SMALL BUSSIESS

- FLORAL SCHOOL
- JANTZEN KNITTING MILLS , POSITION FINAL INSPECTOR
- UNITED STATES POST OFFICE , POSITION POSTAL CLERK
- SELF EMPLOYED = FLORIST , LICENSE ISSUED OCT 1953
- HOME CLEANING SERVICE
- -1910 Federal Census for date of Birth.
- Has birth year as 1904.
- -Edmonds 66
- -Charf 64

Mentioned in Authorization for Deposit of Social Security Payments. Her address was 3852 Pennsylvania #4 Longview Wa. 98632 in 1982.

VA form dated August 6, 1982 for beneficiary monthly compensation as a dependent of the Veteran Arthur Charf whose death was due to service in the Armed Forces. Monthly amount was \$428.00 and these payments were awarded on 10-01-1981.

- -Edmonds 4
- -Edmonds 74
- -Edmonds 38

Letter from Winifred Carmen daughter to John Leander Edmonds. She mentions that her and Mary saw each other many times before Oliver Perry left for Oregon.

-Edmonds 37

Transcription of the handwritten account of Mary Ellen Edmonds Charf. Typed by Johnny J. Edwards 1-2011

When I received the letters written out they were not in order and I copied them as they were handed to me. So I have done some piecing together.

START

Nubbin potatoes in the celler. The real-estate salesman told my Papa - he would sell our home and property for free. In 2 weeks time we had 4 Kansas people were on the train headed for Portland Oregon... Where we found a people who preached the word of God! Made restitution - paid all unpaid bills - Where they pray for the sick, And God heals by the power of his might and besides all this I love the Lord as my Mama loved our God. I was born in the State of Kansas - My Mother was a Christian lady - She believed that God answered prayer. One morning her first greetings was - My dear child = My dear Lord talked to me through the night saying (not legible): if you would be willing to sell your Brand New Kimball piano for a certain price - I'll take you and your husband and two children to Portland Oregon - What a message - then she ask me = Would you like that? I answered = Hot digity dog!! Well she said you call Mrs. Henry and tell her about that - to see what she thought of that??? I called through Central - Well Mrs. Henry said she didn't think that was a good idea so I told Mrs. Henry - I'd tell Mamma - When I hung up the telephone rang and it was the operator said - Mary please forgive me for listening but does your Mother really mean = she would sell her new Kimball piano for that price = I said = well I'll ask her - Mamma said = Well - I know my God ask me. Yes I will! - The operator said = Mary don't answer your phone until I get to your house = I'll bring my bank book and come right over. Laid her bank book on the piano = How she played that piano like heavenly music floated - through our home --- she called to my Mama - saying do you really lean for the quoted price? Mama said that is what my Heavenly Father said to me - The operator - I'll write the check now and send a truck out to get my piano --- She added what are you going to do with all the rest of your belongings. We'll sell everything. I took the check to the bank things begin to move - the bank president said (no additional

letter in file).

- ... My Papa What do you mean by all of this My Papa said its an (?) of my women! So the banker said = I'll help you with some ideas go to the man who puts out our little paper have him make out sales bills on next Saturday at early morning start flooding the little town will the news. news have everyone come to your sail Papa bag lunch and all coffee they can drink. Sell all the milk cows etc etc all that was left was a little pile of ...(no further entries found to finish story).
- ... We weren't in Portland long until the real-estate salesman wrote of a buyer of the home fruit trees and acreage was sold for cash My parents purchased us a home needed cleaning from top to basement a lonely 3 bedroom home and large basement...

Listen to this thought = My mama had promised her three daughter = if they wouldn't go out with boy friend until they were 18 years old she would give each of them a gold ring as a gift = and if they would not get married until 25 they would get a watch costing 25 dollars - what do you think of that I happened to still be single and so I told Mama I'd refurbish the down stairs and stair way with my (I believe that this is the next page as it seems to fit) watch money - I had a sister n. law, who was a whiz in numbers so we purchased wall paper - that didn't have a design in it and we had a wallway - going upstairs my Father built scaffolding etc large living room - dining room and they needed curtains at the window. My sister - in law helped us paper and we only had a piece of paper 4 inches by 10 inches over from our papering - We had one joyful celebration - All our family was jubilant over my watch money reaching such lengths --- As soon as all the home work was completed - I was ready for another job... it was never hard for me to get work ..

... I met a handsome Man named Arthur Charf - we did not have a long courtship - Arthur came to my parents home to see me = My sister Jennie was present also and guess what - he took off from work and purposed to me - asking me to marry him - Wow. My Mother my sister Jennie and I were wowed! He said - I want us to be married soon - like next week. I think the three of us was in shock= So he took my right hand in his two hands - and measured around my ring finger and said to my sister = do

you think I can buy a ring by these measurements - so away he went to the jeweler and returned with the most beautiful ring that fit my finger --- Having 4 small diamonds - wow! Then Arthur said I told my boss at work - were going to Salem - the Capital of Oregon - on this next Saturday - then to the beach for a honeymoon --- etc The 4 of us in my parents living room - the groom my Mother - my sister Jennie and the bride - it seemed I had the least to say - in the matter - the groom suggested his wishes = my Mother and sister filled in when the decision came up. My Parents lived in Portland I lived home with my parents. The Groom chose Salem Oregon as the place for the wedding to take place - Who would attend they decided my youngest Bro and his wife - they had a small car the groom had a small car - so only the 4 of us to go to Salem - My Mother and Father was married on July years ago and now their youngest daughter was to be married as it happened on July at this get to gether Mama told of the name of the Minister Reverend David Inches- So my Mama said she and Papa were married slowly = and this seemed so swift - we all had a big laugh. The Minister was located and he was fumbling along and I chuckled at what he said - the Minister said this is no laughing matter and pronounced us Man and Wife - the 4 of us had lunch together and said our good byes - Must tell you the groom kissed the sister - in law - instead of his bride and the minister laughed over that. **END**

-Edmonds 37

Oliver Perry Edmonds and Nancy Tracy when living in Portland bought a home or lived in a home on 1st or 2nd on the Willamette River. Told to Johnny J. Edwards by Aunt Betty. 1-2011. George and Alma Schmidt introduced Mary and Arthur. George was a photographer and Alma was a member of the church. Told to Johnny J. Edwards by Aunt Betty. 1-2011. Photographs of Mary and Arthur.

-Edmonds 6

Transcription of handwritten account of Mary's ancestry and life.

Betty Jane and Cleone Aileen Charf

The rearch was done by Maxine Edmonds Jewett. My Brother Oren Edmonds the fourth child born to my Father Oliver Perry Edmonds,

and Nancy Jane Edmonds. Oren - Edmonds was born in Cheyenne County Kansas.

My Mother was 16 years old - was married to a College Graduate named George Houchin = they had a little son - don't remember his

age - but a baby boy = The daddy George Houchin was kicked by a mule in his stomach and died - day of his funeral my Mothers = Mother passed away = then in 2 weeks time the baby son passed away. My Mother had two sisters. The sister after Mama was mary - their bay sister name was Julia. My Mama was a dressmaker - her sister worked for their Uncle who was a postmaster. Then the youngest Julia = but the Uncle and my Mother and Her sister didn't want them to adopt Julia = but they could take her to live with them. My Mother and Aunt Mary moved to Nebraska took out a piece of property for each of them to take what they called homesteading and they lived there till they earned the property as their own - each her own - there was two young...

... My Mama married Oliver Perry Edmonds and I have the adorable wedding invitation of the wedding= you each may have a copy of it.... My parents built a lovely sod house where we lived many years. My oldest Brother name = Joseph - they called him Joe. My second Brother Ray Edmonds - then Ruth May - Carmon, Oren - Fred- Jennie Wolf - Verne - Mary - Wayne - At this writing = I Mary Ellen Edmonds Charf is the only child of Oliver Perry and nancy Jane Edmonds. Every member of their family mad heaven their home - and I am near to the end time = with a song in y heart - waiting hoping longing for the great trip to Jesus arms and to meet the wonders of his glory. We'll all be waiting for you all - my precious - loving ones!

End

- -Edmonds 49a
- -Edmonds 52
- -Tracy 7

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Mary married (MRIN:8) **Arthur CHARF-20** son of Peter Adolf CHARF-46 and Amalia Victoria Malin JONSSON-696 (MRIN:15) on 27 Jul 1929 in Salem, Marion County, Oregon. Arthur was born on 10 Oct 1896 in , Sanders County, Nebraska. He died on 26 Mar 1970. He was buried on 30 Mar 1970 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, Rose City Cem..

OCCUPATION - BRICK MASON

-pumpkin ridge st. helens or charf family farmed there for awhile,,arthur charf killed a bear there in pumpkin ridge told to me by mother 9-8-04

Albert Scharf

From: Sherrolin <sherrjak@easystreet.net>View Contact

To: johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com Thu, January 21, 2010 9:43:35 PM

Hi Johnny,

Well I have been at Mom's taking care of her things and doing the stuff you have to do when a parent passes away. In going through her files and papers I have come across two letters to my grandmother Anna Charf Mace from her brother Albert. One of the letters has his Army address: Pvt. Albert Scharf Co. B 355 Inf. Camp Mills Hampstead, New York at the time the letter was written.

I will try and scan it so you can have a copy but it is very faded and worn. At least I can tell you what he said this is word for word transcription.

Co. B355 In

Camp Milla Hampstead

New York May 26th 1918

Dear Sister Anna and Brother. How are you. I am fine and dandy. Sure was glad when I got your letter, yes yes, I was Anna. I sure would like to see you soon. New York City is sure some big place. We got here Saturday morning and we sure did have a time on our way. Have not heard from Walter git but think I will be close to him soon. Anna if you don't hear from me soon why don't git lonesome for a letter from me for Anna we have not much time to write.

Say Anna, I will write to May Wright my girl and have her to send you a picture of myself. Anna you can write to this address always. Have not heard from Lenonard git. And I don't care. Had a letter from Selma just before we left (unable to read word).

Well anna her it goes again. Now its bed time and will have to go to bed. I have wrote 16 letters tonight and I will write to you tomorrow.

Well Anna write soon I remain ever hoping I can hear from you as soon and often so you can write, it sure was good to hear from sisters and brothers.

This is my new address.

Pvt Albert Scharf

Co B 355 Inf.

Camp Mills Hempstead

New York Long Island

The letter is addressed to: Mrs Gus Mace Empire, Oregon

There are what looks like two letters in the same envelope so here are the transcriptions:

Portland Oregon

Dear Sister Anna and Gus.

Well got your letter and was sure glad to hear from you. I have been here 5 weeks now. And I think I will stay here about 5 more weeks, and than I will go back. Say Anna if there is any work there why, I would just as soon come there and work while I am here for lazing around makes me sick. Arthur and Dick are working at the shipyards but I don't think I could stard it there as I may not get to work atall until I see whats going to happen for I have not got my questionnaires paper yet.

What is Gust doing now. I don't think I will be ? here, Oregon . I want the East for my Port, but its sure fine out here though I can't complain any.

I may see you before I go back. For if I don't it will be along while before I will make another visit. Had a good time New Years Eve want to a dance.

Well Anna I have not much time to write just now for its getting bed time it sure has been raining here for the last two weeks about let up today. Will close. I had a letter from from my little sweet girl in Freemont and she say she snowed and there that nothing.

I remain as ever your brother

Albert Scharf

Portland, Oregon

Well Gust I would like to see you have you got (can't read word) git and do you have to go to war. Well I have one brother there now and I will be next one to go. I learn this next call. My callin number is 472 what do I care. I would just as soon go there as any place in the world.

Albert Scharf 7232 82nd St

(This letter is post marked Portland Oregon Jan. 8 6:30 pm 1918 and stamped Jan 9 1918 addressed to Mrs. Gust Mace Marshfield Oregon)

Portland Oregon 1918

Dear Sister Brolaw

Will drop you another letter. Say Anna can you and Gust spare me \$10 so I can come out and stay with you a while. And if you do I will sure pay you back as soon as get my money from East. It has cost me so much that I am pretty nearly all gone. I would sooner come there and work than here in Portland for they don't pay high wages they want a man to work for nothing. Arthur and Dick are working at ship yards and I don't care for that kind of work. Ma she is just give me hell about my girl and that won't do with me. When I go back to Fremont they never need to think that they will see me anymore. I can tell them that much. Well Anna if you can't sent that much well it will be alright anyway. I am going out of here if I got to walk.

Your Brother Albert

Ma she wants money for board and she is always bringing up something. And I can't stand I go down town and stay all day, lonesome as can be.

Re: Fwd: Albert Scharf

Thanks, Johnny, for the copies of letters from Albert to Anna Mace.

In one letter, he mentions his aversion to Leonard (who was always called 'Carl'). Carl was an alcoholic, married to Jen and had three(?) children. I think there was an older daughter that I don't remember, but another daughter, Norma, and a son (forgot his name). They were much older than me.

I have a picture of Jen holding me when I was about three. Carl and Jen always had a huge garden and most of the pups we got was from their litters. We always chose the 'runt'. The last one was 'Teddy' that my Dad loved while we lived at 910 SW Hume St.

My Dad mainly visited with Uncle Dick (also an alcoholic) and Uncle Carl. Those two brothers were always trying to borrow money from my Dad (who had hardly any himself).

I doubt they ever paid him back. My Mom hated to see them coming! However, my Dad would generally would slip them something (I kept an eye on him when either one was there because my Mom would be so upset)... but I don't think I reported back to my Mom that fact. I was just observing the kind hearted Dad that I had!

Grandma Charf was always called 'Ma'! She was a very feisty tiny woman...may 4' 10"? She smoked a pipe and wore long darkish two-piece dresses and BUTTON-UP HIGH-TOP LITTLE SHOES shaped almost like dainty boots. I got the impression that none of her son's wives were fond of her. When Cleone and I would come visiting (along with the entire family), she didn't pay much attention to either of us. She would give us stale cookies and we would take them home and give them to our kindergarten teacher we felt sure would really enjoy them because she was also Swedish. 'MA' Charf ruled her ROOST! Love YA, Aunt Betty

-Charf 64

VA form dated October 29, 1935. Arthur Charf was discharged from the United States Navy on September 30, 1921 with the military rank of Seaman 2/c. He was awarded compensation in the amount of \$10.00 per month starting August 31, 1934 on account of a disability resulting from Wartime Service. He was determined to be partially disabled.

VA form dated July 30, 1959. 100% Disability compensation was awarded to Arthur Charf commencing date of May 6, 1959 for the monthly amount of \$225.00, and an additional 100% commencing date on may 20, 1959 for the montly amount of \$248.00. This second disability was awarded because of Mary E. Charf his wife.

VA form dated August 6, 1982 for beneficary monthly compensation as a dependent of the Veteran Arthur Charf whose death was due to service in the Armed Forces. Monthly amount was \$428.00 and these payments were awarded on 10-01-1981.

Letter written August 25, 1918 from Arthur Charf to his parents. he is located at Puget Sound Navy Yard Destination Camp No 2 Washington. Arthur mentions his brothers Walter and Albert. Sadly Arthur asked his parents to give him Alberts mailing address and in September 1918 he was killed in action. -Edmonds 37

Oliver Perry Edmonds and Nancy Tracy when living in Portland bought a home or lived in a home on 1st or 2nd on the Willamette River. Told to Johnny J. Edwards by Aunt Betty. 1-2011.

George and Alma Schmidt introduced Mary and Arthur. George was a photographer and Alma was a member of the church. Told to Johnny J. Edwards by Aunt Betty. 1-2011.

Photographs of Mary and Arthur.

- -Edmonds 49a
- --Edmonds 52

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Arthur and Mary had the following children:

- + 93 F i. **Betty CHARF-22** was born on 4 Apr 1930.
- + 94 F ii. Cleone Aileen CHARF-5 was born on 4 Nov 1932.
- 34. Frederick Wayne EDMONDS-72 (Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 13 Feb 1909. He died in 1960.
 - -1910 Federal Census for date of Birth.
 - -Edmonds 66
 - -Edmonds 4
 - -Edmonds 74
 - -Edmonds 37. Explains wedding between Mary Ellen Edmonds and Arthur and how it all came about

with Mary.
Photographs of Wayne
-Edmonds 6
-Edmonds 49a
-Edmonds 52
-Email
Thu, May 5, 2011 8:24:35 PM

Note From: Lyle Edmonds To: johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com HI Johnny

Have you seen Barbara Edmonds and her Husband Ralph. They are Joe Edmonds Grand son. Russell and Kate's Son I have been trying to size up Carolyne Edmonds, Kerr thinking she might be Richard's Brother. What I am thinking she may be too young to be her.

I think I may have to contact Uncle Lee to find out if Richard lives in our area. I went to the Milwaukie School and through the Alumni could not find his name.

Sure wish we would have kept more in contact. When Aunt Alice was alive, years ago they came with their Mother. I remember my son Richard was there at the same time. I have Ralph's address. He does chain saw carving so he gave us a card at Neil's on time. Back when Kate and Russell's sister who married a Case. The mother of the lady that gave you lots of good pictures. My memory is very bad I will be 78 so I almost wore it out.

Good seeing you on Face I watch a lot as Rachel is Richard my,son's, daughter. Jared is Jim's son in Idaho, Sean and Shane Wilson are my daughter Valerie's children. Denny is our Son and on face is Kate Edmonds his wife, Jennifer Draper his sister Monique Suhon a 1/2 Sister Justin Edmonds Denny's son. Heather Kendall another of his daughters
So you can see how I can keep up with my family's younger ones.

Nice chatting with you Johnny

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Frederick married (MRIN:265) Alice-785.

-Edmonds 59
Everyone called her Aunty. Alice passed away in 2007. Married 2 or 3 other times.
-Edmonds 37
Photographs of Alice.
-Edmonds 49a

Frederick and Alice had the following children:

95 M i. Richard EDMONDS-786.

-email from Betty Charf Sickler Sun, April 24, 2011 1:28:07 PM

Regarding Richard Edmonds, son of Wayne and Alice (Dudley) Edmonds, he was at his mom's funeral as well as Richard. I looked in the current phone directory and his name is not listed. I believe he was still living in the old homestead in Ardenwald (near Milaukie)

off SE 32nd Avenue. I also saw his sister, Carolyn, but, again, I can't remember her married name.

Aunt Alice had twin niece and nephew Jean and Jim Dudley. I inquired about them and was told Jean died of cancer. Jim is not listed in the directly either.

Sorry, I am at a dead end. Roberta was at the funeral of Aunt Alice and I believe her brother Ray Wolf was also there. Maybe she might have Carolyn's married name listed somewhere. I don't.

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96 F ii. Caroline EDMONDS-787.

43. **David Albert MERKLIN-634** (Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Dec 1894.

-Edmonds 52

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David married (MRIN:220) Manilla OSBORNE-641.

They had the following children:

- + 97 M i. **Donavin MERKLIN-654** .
 - 98 M ii. **Stanley MERKLIN-655**.

ADOPTED DAUGHTER

Stanley married (MRIN:230) Pauline-661.

- + 99 F iii. Audrey MERKLIN-656.
- + 100 F iv. Phyllis MERKLIN-657.
- 44. **Robert Henry MERKLIN-635** (Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 9 Jun 1896.

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-Edmonds 52
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Robert married (MRIN:221) Roena ALLEN-642.

They had the following children:

- 101 F i. **Opal MERKLIN-668** .
- 102 F ii. **Donavine MERKLIN-669**.
- 103 F iii. Pearl MERKLIN-670.
- 104 F iv. Catherine MERKLIN-671.
- 105 F v. **Deloris MERKLIN-672**.
- 106 F vi. Roberta MERKLIN-673.
- 107 M vii. Gene MERKLIN-674.
- 45. Lemuel Edmond MERKLIN-636 (Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 1 Jun 1898 in , Cheyenne Cnty, Kansas. He died on 12 Aug 1991 in St. Francis, , Kansas, St. Francis Hosp. He was buried in , , , St. Francis Cem..

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-Edmonds 52
Date of death differs 1992. Nickname Shorty.
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Lemuel married (MRIN:222) **Myrtle Frances WYANT-643** on 19 Sep 1927 in Fort Morgan, Colorado. Myrtle was born on 2 Jul 1909. She died on 17 Jun 1988.

They had the following children:

- + 108 F i. Frances Nadine MERKLIN-1064 was born on 24 Sep 1928.
- + 109 M ii. Leon Ellsworth MERKLIN-1065 was born on 16 May 1930.
- + 110 M iii. **Dale E MERKLIN-1066** was born on 31 Oct 1932.
- + 111 M iv. Charles Maynard MERKLIN-1067 was born on 4 Apr 1934.
- + 112 M v. William Ray MERKLIN-1068 was born on 12 Sep 1935.
- + 113 F vi. **Janice Ann MERKLIN-1069** was born on 27 Apr 1938.
 - 114 M vii. Gary Lee MERKLIN-1070 was born on 9 Jan 1940.
- + 115 M viii. Marlin Theodore MERKLIN-1071 was born on 27 Nov 1941.
- + 116 F ix. Lenna Jean MERKLIN-1072 was born on 5 Mar 1943.
- 50. Hazel Ava GORTHY-117 (Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 20 Aug 1890 in , Cheyenne, Kansas. She died on 7 Feb 1979 in Greeley, , Colorado. She was buried on 10 Feb 1979 in Benkelman, , Nebraska.

Hazel married (MRIN:7) **Everette S SUTTON Jr.-130** son of Everette S SUTTON Sr-900 and Clara Hughes-901 (MRIN:304) on 26 Jul 1916 in Benkelman, , Nebraska. Everette was born on 3 Jan 1893 in Napponee, , Nebraska.

They had the following children:

- Eldon James SUTTON-346 was born on 6 Mar 1918 in Max, , Nebraska.
 He died on 26 Sep 1928 in Benkelman, , Nebraska. He was buried in Benkelman, , Nebraska.
- + 118 F ii. Ava Justine SUTTON-131 was born on 12 Sep 1920.
- + 119 M iii. **James Playford SUTTON-348** was born on 28 Aug 1924. He died on 8 May 1948.
 - 120 M iv. Alyn Dent SUTTON-347 was born on 12 Dec 1927 in Max, , Nebraska. He died on 14 Dec 1927 in Max, , Nebraska. He was buried in Benkelman, , Nebraska.
- 51. Paul GORTHY sr.-118 (Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 3 May 1892 in , Cheyenne, Kansas. He died on 3 Aug 1940 in St. Francis, , Kansas. He was buried in Benkelman, , Nebraska, Benk. Cem..

Paul Gorthy

The sudden passing of Paul Gorthy at the St. Francis hospital Saturday night was a crushing blow to his family and to his hundreds of friends in Cheyenne and Dundy counties as well, for it was so unexpected. Paul had been in charge of harvest operations on his wheat lands in Southern Cheyenne county for several days. The last two days of his stay there were marked thru the fact that he didn't seem to be feeling well so he discontinued work himself but remained to oversee it. He finished Friday evening and returned home. Saturday he seemed to be worse and a St. Francis physician was called and he was taken to the hospital. His condition continued to grow worse and late Saturday night he passed away. The attending physician had not definitely diagnosed his ailment, according to reports available, but was of the belief that it was either due to typhoid fever or gall bladder infection. He ran a very high fever. Paul had grown up in the South Fork section and was well known in Benkelman, and was highly respected too. He was a young man of great energy and his greatest pleasure was in accomplishment. He was happiest when busy and for that reason he was seldom seen in town save on a business mission.

This section of the West has produced few finer, more honorable, more conscientious and more worthwhile young men than Paul Gorthy and his sudden departure was as shocking to the people of Dundy county as it was crushing to his family and relatives to whom the tenderest sympathies of all go out today.

Paul Gorthy, son of James and Laura Gorthy, was born in Cheyenne county, Kansas, on May 3. 1893. and passed into the Eternal Kingdom on August 3, 1940. at St. Francis. Kansas, at the age of 47 years, two months

His childhood was spent in Cheyenne county, and he grew to manhood on the farm where he was living at the time of his death.

On June 18, 1919. he was united in marriage to Miss Vera Holliman at Craig, Colorado. To this union was born a daughter, Anna Daurene and a son, Paul Velden.

Paul was baptized in the United Presbyterian church at Benkelman when an infant. Later in life he became a member of the South Fork Methodist Church, where he and his family have been constant and diligent workers for both the betterment of the church and of the community. He passed through the successive degrees of Masonry, and was elevated to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in the St. Francis Lodge Number 404 or Ancient. Free and Accepted Masons February 11, 1931. at St. Francis, Kansas. Through his interest and love of the order and its ideals, he worked constantly, and in 1938 was rewarded by election to the post of Worshipful Master. The ideals of Masonry became his own, and it was in this work that his soul found its greatest expression.

In 1914 his parents moved to Benkelman, and Paul assumed the management of their large ranching interests in Cheyenne county. Since that time he has operated these holdings extensively and successfully. He was interested in modern farming methods, studied them closely, conducted experiments and became well known for his success in wheat culture and other agricultural activities.

During the past ten years the A. C. A. Committee has rated his average wheat yield as the highest in that township.

He had commenced harvesting his 1940 wheat crop about the 15th of June and had been continuously engaged in that work until Friday evening, when he became ill. Neither he nor those who were with him realized the seriousness of the illness. Saturday evening he was taken to the hospital at St. Francis, where his condition became suddenly worse, and about 10:30 that night God mercifully called him to his eternal reward.

Paul leaves to mourn his passing his wife. Vera, his daughter Anna Daurene and his son. Paul, his parents, Mt. and Mrs. James Gorthy: his brother and associate. Walter Gorthy: three sisters, Miss Anne. of Benkelman. Mrs. Hazel Sutton of Max and Mrs. Mildred Smith of Pasadena, California, and a host of friends.

To his family he leaves the memory of a fond and indulgent husband and father. To his parents, that of

a dutiful son. To his brother and sisters, that of his sympathy and comradeship. To his church that of a devout and willing servant. To his brothers in Masonry, an example of reverent diligence and obedience to the teachings of the order. To his friends and associates the memory of a kind neighbor and a good man.

The remains were brought to Benkelman where funeral services were held in the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon, in charge of Reverend B. M. Thomas of St. Francis, Kansas. assisted by Reverend J. C. Foster of Benkelman. Burial services were conducted by the members of his own Masonic Lodge of St. Francis. Kansas.

Paul married (MRIN:108) Vera Mae HOLLIMAN-322 on 18 Jun 1919 in Craig, Colorado.

Printed in the Benkelman, NE Post, November 1985

Vera Mae Monahan (Holliman) Gorthy

Vera Mae Monahan Gorthy, a pioneer lady, was born September 24, 1897, in Faragut, Iowa, and died at 2:30 a.m. Friday, November 15, 1985, in Benkelman, Nebraska, at the Dundy County Hospital. She was 88 years, one month and 23 days of age.

Vera was the middle child of Willis Mall and Elizabeth Jane White Holliman, who hornesteaded in Cheyenne County, Kansas, in 1887. In 1895, they went by covered wagon to Faragut, Iowa, where Vera

was born. In 1900, they returned by immigrant car to Ives (Parks), Nebraska.

Vera attended Prairie View country school, District 20. After graduation, she was determined to further her education, so she enrolled in the Cheyenne County High School at St. Francis, Kansas. She worked for her room and board by doing housework and ironing. She graduated with honors in 1918.

She taught school in the Freemeyer district located three miles west of her home. Vera remarked, "I rode my horse three miles through all kinds of weather and broke large chunks of coal to build my own fires every morning."

On June 18, 1919, Paul Gorthy Sr. and Vera were married in Craig, Colorado, where her two older sisters lived. The Gorthys began their married life together on the homestead of his father, James Gorthy. To this union two children were born, Anna Daurene and Paul Valden Jr. Vera's husband died in 1940, leaving her with many debts on the land and machinery and two children to finish raising. So, with faith in God and three devoted hired men, she continued to farm successfully. For seven long, hard years, God gave her good crops and she finished paying for the land and raised the children. In December 1946 she moved to her present home.

Because of the lingering influence of Vera's great-grandfather, Uriah Trogden, who was a Methodist minister in Arkansas, Vera chose to become a member of the St. Francis Methodist Church during her high school days. She attended the South Fork Methodist Church and later the Benkelman United Methodist Church, where she received recognition for 50 years of membership on November 5, 1978. Vera was a lifelong member of the U.M.W.

Vera was active in community affairs and was a charter member of the Plainview Homemakers Extension Club, organized in 1929, and the first president. She later belonged to the South Fork Extension Club.

Also, she enjoyed working with youth. In 1934, she was chosen to teach one of the first sewing clubs for 4-H girls in the Riverside Boosters, and later the Cheyenne Sunflowers of Cheyenne County, Kansas. She taught for eight years.

She was a member of the Cheyenne County Agriculture Stabilization Committee and a school board member.

In 1931, Vera was initiated into the Order of Eastern Star, Doric Chapter, St. Francis, Kansas, and was honored with a 50-year pin in Holly Chapter, Benkelman, Nebraska, in 1981. She served in various offices in the organization.

For a hobby, Vera loved to work with horticulture and flower arranging. She was a charter member of the Benkelman Garden Club and the second president. She attended 27 schools to become a National Accredited Federated Garden Club Judge. During one of her terms as president, her club received the Sears, Roebuck & Co. "Beautification Citation" for its work on the "Open Bible Memorial" and the evergreen trees that border the Benkelman Cemetery.

In 1979, the Tri-State Antique Thresher Association selected Vera as "Queen." She was chosen for this honor because of her former experiences with her husband', Paul, who did custom threshing and corn shelling over the Tri-State area in the 1920s and 1930s. Vera did the cooking in a cook shack pulled from farm to farm during the harvest season.

In the book entitled "Petticoat Pioneer of the Midwest" by the Kansas Federation of Woman's Clubs," Vera was questioned about her philosophy of life. She responded, "Always keep love, honesty, faith and truth as your guidelines through life. Love to your God, family, country and fellowman; honesty to yourself, country and in every deed, faith in country and in God above all. These will lead to a happy, useful life. Your place in life will be judged well done, and a better place for all mankind."

Mrs. Gorthy was preceded in death by her parents, Willis and Elizabeth Holliman; two sisters, Orah Cathey and Dollie Carmichael; one brother, Chester Holliman; and son, Paul Valden Jr. In her departure, she leaves to mourn a sister. Sylvia Updike of Craig, Colorado; three sisters-in-law, Anna L Benge of Benkelman, Lillian Gorthy of Bird City and Noreen Hallman of St. Francis, Kansas; one brother-in-law, Everett Sutton of Greeley, Colorado; a daughter, Ann Maring, and husband, Jack of Bird City, Kansas; daughter-in-law, Berniece Gorthy of St. Francis, Kansas; five granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren, Jeanne Dunbar and husband, Dennis, and children, Annie and Courtney of Overbrook, Kansas, JoAnne Jones and husband, Darrel, and children, Jeremy and Jill of Sheridan, Wyoming, Debbie Grace and husband, Robert of St. Francis, Kansas, Cindy Ham and husband, Ron, and children, Shane and Shannon of Benkelman, and Sue Zimbelman and husband, Mark, and daughter, Dennon of St. Francis, Kansas; and many friends and relatives.

Services were held Monday, November 18, 1985, at the United Methodist Church in Benkelman with Rev. Dan Waters and Rev. John Kilgore officiating. Neala Carmichael sang "Precious Memories" and "In The Garden" accompanied by Betty Erdman.

Pallbearers were grandsons Dennis Dunbar, Darrel Jones, Robert Grace, Ron Ham and Mark Zirnbelman, and a friend of the family, Franklin Bolin. Honorary bearers were Jim Barnhart, Lee Beeson, Don

Kehlbeck, Douglas McDowell, Albert Nelson, Laverne Nelson, John Ramsey and Dr. Kenneth Stout. Interment was in the Benkelman Cemetery with Eastern Star services by Holly and Doric chapters. Jones Funeral Home of Benkelman was in charge of arrangements.

Paul and Vera had the following children:

- + 121 F i. Anna Daurene GORTHY-323 was born on 25 Jun 1924.
- + 122 M ii. **Paul Valden GORTHY Jr.-324** was born on 22 Jun 1929. He died on 23 Jun 1980.
- 52. Mildred GORTHY-119 (Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 21 May 1894 in , Cheyenne, Kansas. She died on 6 Jan 1975 in Pasadena, , California.

Mildred married (MRIN:117) Bert SMITH-350.

They had the following children:

i. Douglas SMITH-351 .
 Douglas married (MRIN:284) Sherrie-844 .

124 M ii. Glen Elton SMITH-352.

Glen married (MRIN:285) Mary Ann-845.

54. Anna Laura GORTHY-121 (Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 25 Nov 1905 in , Cheyenne, Kansas. She was christened on 29 Mar 1908 in , Cheyenne, Kansas, Southfork Church.

SCHOOL - GRADUATED BENKELMAN HIGH SCHOOL 1924
- REFER TO WRITTEN HISTORY BY ANNA GORTHY BENGE FOR TOTAL SCHOOL HISTORY

OCCUPATION - SCHOOL TEACHER 1930-1973

HOBBIES - COLLECTING DOLLS

-Edmonds 52

Mentioned in letter from Eva Edmonds to Johnny J. Edwards. Stated that she had passed away on July 15 or 16. The date of the letter is 1993.

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Anna married (MRIN:31) Boyd BENGE-122 on 7 Aug 1941 in Benkelman, , Nebraska.

OCCUPATION - BARBER FROM 1920-1970 RETIRED

MARINES - WORLD WAR I AT 16 - WORLD WAR II FOR 28 MONTHS

Boyd and Anna had the following children:

- + 125 F i. **Tyra Ann BENGE-123** was born on 25 Jan 1946.
- 57. Winifred EDMONDS-648 (John Leander, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James).

-Edmonds 38 Letter written to Johnny J. Edwards

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Winifred married (MRIN:227) Melvin CARMEN-652.

They had the following children:

126 F i. **Evelyn CARMEN-6277** .

-Edmonds get together 1-08 source Edmonds sign in book

Eighth Generation

59. **Harold Vincent EDMONDS-4936** (Joseph Oliver, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Feb 1911. He died in 1970 in Benkelman Nebraska . He was buried Benkelman Nebraska Cemetery.

-Edmonds 55

Harold married (MRIN:2197) **Ona Ethyl BEESON-6484** on 29 Jan 1933. Ona was born on 29 Jun 1913.

-Edmonds 55

Harold and Ona had the following children:

127 M i. Floyd EDMONDS-6485.

-Edmonds 55

128 M ii. **Jim EDMONDS-6486** .

-Edmonds 55

61. Iris May (Mae) EDMONDS-4937 (Joseph Oliver, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 7 Nov 1917. She died on 7 Oct 2007 in Hermiston Oregon.

-Edmonds 59

Died 2007

-Edmonds 55

photograph

-Email from Joyce Houle 1-2011

Joyce Elaine Case Houle-Daughter of Iris May Edmonds Case/Granddaughter of Oliver Perry Edmonds

Iris married (MRIN:2198) **Dwight Wallace CASE-6487** on 12 Aug 1940. Dwight was born on 20 Sep 1911.

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-Edmonds 55
photograph
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Dwight and Iris had the following children:

129 F i. Karen Ellen CASE-6488.

-Edmonds 55 photograph

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130 M ii. Larry Dwayne CASE-6489.

-Edmonds 55 Photograph

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- + 131 F iii. **Joyce Elaine CASE-6490** was born on 9 Sep 1953.
- 62. Russell Bertrand EDMONDS-4938 (Joseph Oliver, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 29 Apr 1922. He was buried in Olney Cemetery, Pendleton, Oregon.

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-Edmonds 55
Photograph as a boy.
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Russell married (MRIN:2199) Kathryn HUNT-6491 on 4 Oct 1943.

-Edmonds 55

Russell and Kathryn had the following children:

132 M i. **Steve EDMONDS-6492** .

-Edmonds 55

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133 M ii. Bernie EDMONDS-6493.

-Edmonds 55

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134 M iii. Ralph EDMONDS-6494.

-Edmonds 55

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135 F iv. **Susie EDMONDS-6495**.

-Edmonds 55

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64. **Verta Verl EDMONDS-4939** (Joseph Oliver, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 20 Dec 1925.

-living minnesota

-Edmonds 55

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Verta married (MRIN:2200) Orville (Buck) SMITH-6496.

-Edmonds 55

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Orville and Verta had the following children:

136 M i. **Stanley SMITH-6497** .

-Edmonds 55

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137 M ii. **Greg SMITH-6498**.

-Edmonds 55

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138 M iii. Dale SMITH-6499.

-Edmonds 55

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139 F iv. Vicki SMITH-6500.

-Edmonds 55

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66. Ray Willard EDMONDS-1155 (Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 1 Nov 1908 in , Cheyenne Co., Kansas. He died on 22 Jan 1996 in Woodburn Oregon. He was buried in Belle Passi Memorial Mausoleum Woodburn Oregon.

-Edmonds 59

Written account of Rays life and family from Neil Edmonds son of Ray and Eva Edmonds.

"Dad ws the oldest grandchild on both side of his family. He was born in November 1908. Lee is the only living member of Roy's children. Dad's sisters names were, in order La Vern Lambrecht- had three sons Bill the oldest has passed on but Gene and Ted are still living their last ames are Barnes and they spent most of their lives in the general area that you are living in, Yamhill, Mack and Willamina. They all have children but I don't know anything about there families. They never attended the gatherings much. Myrtle Stobbe -- had three children -- Bruce, Dale and Eleanor. Dale is only remaining one of the that family and there is several off springs that I know next to nothing about..

Vera Brant was married to Moberly and she had four children two of which have passed on - Grary the oldest had children that I never met and he is deceased. Sharon is also deceased and had only one daughter as I recall, she has been missed by the family for a long time now but we are all going to be joining up again before long. Sid Moberly lives in Portland area and his sister Sandra lives in Washington. Forgot one! Kathy came to the second marriage was a Brant.

-Edmonds 58

Mentions birth and family information.

-Fdmonds 67

Has name as Willard Raymond Edmonds. David Polly shared with my September 2010 that there has always been great debate whether his name was Raymond Willard or Willard Raymond. Place of Burial.

-Edmonds 55

50th wedding anniversary invitation

-Edmonds 48

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Ray married (MRIN:1648) **Eva Lucille COOPER-4943** daughter of James Samuel COOPER-6551 and Alma Melvina WARREN-6552 (MRIN:2217) on 5 Jul 1930 in Goodland, , Kansas. Eva was born on 5 Jan 1914 in Oberlin Kansas. She died on 11 Jan 2009 in Woodburn Oregon. She was buried in Belle Passi Memorial Mausoleum Woodburn Oregon.

-Edmonds 58 Mentions that Eva was born in Oberlin Kansas. -Edmonds 67 Place of Birth. Place of Burial.

Ray and Eva had the following children:

- + 140 F i. Alice Cleora EDMONDS-4944 was born on 6 Feb 1931.
- + 141 M ii. **Lyle Ray EDMONDS-4945** was born on 26 Nov 1933.
- + 142 M iii. **Neil Willard EDMONDS-4946** was born on 2 Oct 1936. He died on 19 Jun 2008.
- + 143 F iv. **Ruby Lucille EDMONDS-4947** was born on 17 May 1938.
- + 144 F v. **Ellen Marie EDMONDS-4948** was born on 14 Jul 1941.
- + 145 F vi. Phyllis Lavon EDMONDS-4949 was born on 8 Aug 1948.
- 67. Laverne Ruth EDMONDS-4941 (Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 16 Nov 1911 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas.
 - -Edmonds 67
 - -Edmonds 48

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Laverne married (MRIN:2163) LAMBRECHT-6375. -Edmonds 59 LAMBRECHT and Laverne had the following children: 146 M i. Bill BARNES-6376. -Edmonds 59. Passed away as of 2008. 147 M ii. Gene BARNES-6377. -Edmonds 59 iii. Ted BARNES-6378. 148 M -Edmonds 59 68. Myrtle Marie EDMONDS-1156 (Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Apr 1913 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas. -Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 48 Myrtle married (MRIN:2164) STOBBE-6379. -Edmonds 59 STOBBE and Myrtle had the following children: i. Bruce STOBBE-6380. 149 M

-Edmonds 59. Passed away as of 2008. 150 M ii. Dale STOBBE-6381. -Edmonds 59 151 F iii. Eleanor STOBBE-6382. -Edmonds 59. Passed away as of 2008. 69. Vera Idella EDMONDS-4942 (Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 12 Sep 1917 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas. -Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 55 photograph -Mon, January 10, 2011 8:01:51 AMnote To: johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com Hi Johnny Sandy is Sandra sister to Gary Moberly Sidney Moberly and Sharon Moberly, Sharon passed away around the age of 20 This would be the family of Vera Edmonds Youngest daughter of my Grandpa Roy and Grandma Lottie Edmonds They have a half sister living in Hawaii. I can't remember her name Seems like Kathy. Her last name would be different. Grant is in that name in some way either a first name of Kathy's father or last name. Vera married (1-MRIN:2165) MOBERLY-6383. -Edmonds 59 To: johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com

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MOBERLY and Vera had the following children:

152 M i. **Gary MOBERLY-6384** .

-Edmonds 59

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153 F ii. Sharon MOBERLY-6385.

-Edmonds 59

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154 M iii. **Sid MOBERLY-6386** .

-Edmonds 59

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155 F iv. Sandra MOBERLY-6661.

-Mon, January 10, 2011 8:01:51 AMnote From: "LNCEDMONDS To: johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com

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Vera married (2-MRIN:2166) BRANT-6387.

-Edmonds 59

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BRANT and Vera had the following children:

156 F v. **Kathy BRANT-6388** .

-Edmonds 59

-Mon, January 10, 2011 8:01:51 AMnote

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To: johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com

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70. **Leroy EDMONDS-1154** (Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 23 Jan 1919 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

-9/09

From the 1970's to 2007 or 2008 Leroy's family hosted the Edmonds Family Reunion. After Leroy became to aged the reunion went to Ray Edmonds son Neil to put this reunion on. Neil took this on until his death in 2008. The reunion was taken on once again by Barbara Edmonds son from her first marriage Mike Bowen and Jeremy Bowen.

-Edmonds 67

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Leroy married (1-MRIN:1649) **Patricia VANCOELON-4950** in 1945 in Multnomah, Multnomah Co., Oregon.

They had the following children:

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157 F i. Pamela Loraine EDMONDS-4951.
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Leroy married (2-MRIN:1650) **Betty Lou BRENINGER-4952** in 1948 in Vancouver, , Washington.

Leroy and Betty had the following children:

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158 F ii. Mary EDMONDS-4953.
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159 F iii. Anita EDMONDS-4954.

160 M iv. Douglas Roy EDMONDS-4955.

71. **Helen Maxine CARMAN-6276** (Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 27 Oct 1916. She died on 12 Oct 2000 in Benkelman, Dundy County, Nebraska.

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-Aunt Betty Robert Carpenter during get together 10-9-08
-Edmonds 57, Pg. 3
General life notes on Page 3
-Edmonds 55
photograph
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Helen married (MRIN:2128) **Paul LaVerne PASSMORE-6282** son of Robert Samuel PASSMORE-6286 and Leland Mary BOSWELL-6287 (MRIN:2132) on 10 Mar 1946 in Goodland, Sherman County, Kansas.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg. 3
Obituary Pg.4
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Paul and Helen had the following children:

- + 161 M i. Robert Arthur PASSMORE-6288 was born on 7 Jun 1947.
- + 162 F ii. Barbara Anne PASSMORE-6289 was born on 24 Sep 1949.
- 72. Chester James CARMAN-6280 (Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 8 Jun 1919 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas. He died on 25 Apr 1990 in Canton, Tuscsraws County Ohio.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg. 3
Obituary Pg.5
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Chester married (MRIN:2129) **Dorothy Marie CRAMBLETT-6283** on 15 Aug 1944 in Miami Florida. Dorothy was born in Jul 1923.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg. 3, 5
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Chester and Dorothy had the following children:

- + 163 F i. Linda Lucille CARMAN-6292 was born on 9 Aug 1945.
 - 164 M ii. Ronald Keith CARMAN-6293 was born on 8 Apr 1948 in Dennison Ohio.

-Edmonds 57, pg.5

73. **Keith Wilmer CARMAN-6281** (Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 13 Mar 1921 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas. He died on 25 Oct 1999 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

-Edmonds 57, Pg. 3

- http://www.obitcentral.com/obitsearch/obits/ks/ks-sherman1.htm
Keith Wilmer Carman, 78, St. Francis, died Monday, Oct. 25, 1999, at Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis. _The funeral was Thursday, Oct., 28, 1999, at First Christian Church, St. Francis, Pastor Joe Briseno officiating. Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery. _Mr. Carman was born March 13, 1921, in Cheyenne County and was a lifetime area resident. He was a farmer and a World War II Army veteran. _Survivors include his wife, Donna of St. Francis; a son, Charlie; a daughter, Cheryl Williams, both of St. Francis; two sisters, Helen Passmore of Benkelman and Margaret Sauer of Parker, Colo.; and three grandchildren. _Memorials may be made to Cheyenne County Hospital or Cheyenne County EMTs.

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Keith married (MRIN:2130) **Donna JoAnn (Pat) DOWDLE-6284** daughter of Charles Edward DOWDLE-6295 and Lela Mae ALBRIGHT-6296 (MRIN:2136) on 19 Aug 1961 in Sugar Creek Ohio.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg. 3
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Keith and Donna had the following children:

- + 165 M i. Charles Arthur CARMAN-6297 was born on 15 Aug 1962. He died on 29 Sep 2000.
- + 166 F ii. Cheryl Ann CARMAN-6298 was born on 22 Mar 1964.
- 74. Margeret Janette CARMAN-6196 (Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 1 Oct 1924 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg. 3
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Margaret Sauer
Tue, February 1, 2011 2:43:04 PM
From: Barbara Gilstrap
Hi All
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Just a note to tell you that Margaret is not doing good as they took her IV off and said it is up to God when he takes her home to be with him. They give her a couple. of days maybe a little longer. Not much more except it is really cold it was about -9 below with a wind chill of -25 to -30 below . Hope your weather is warmer.

Barbara

Wed, February 9, 2011 5:37:26 PMMargaret Service

From: Barbara

To: johnny6 28 66@yahoo.com

Hi All

Just to let you know that Margarets service will be Saturday at Christian Church at 2:00 P.M. in St Francis Kansas.

Barbara

Tue, February 8, 2011 7:52:23 PMMargaret Services

From: Barbara Gilstrap

To: johnny6 28 66@yahoo.com

Hi All

Margaret's Memorial service will be Saturday Feb 12,2011 at 1:00 PM Central time. At a later time we will go to Devils Head to spread her ashes where Ken and Cliff are, more on that later.

Its cold but is suppost to warm up by the weekend (I hope). I am getting tired of below 0 cold. Barbara

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Sun, February 6, 2011 2:46:14 PMMargaret Sauer

From: Barbara Gilstrap To: Stan & Janet

Hi All

I just wanted to let you all know that Margaret passed away about 3:00 Sunday Feb 6 2011. Barbara

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Margeret married (MRIN:2131) **Harold Kenneth SAUER-6285** on 15 May 1949 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas. Harold was born on 27 Nov 1914 in Benkelman, Dundy County, Nebraska. He died on 27 Oct 1975 in Denver, Adams County, Colorado.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg. 3, 6
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Harold and Margeret had the following children:

- + 167 M i. **Clifford Wendell SAUER-6301** was born on 21 Jun 1951. He died on 29 Jan 1991.
 - 168 M ii. **Roger Harold SAUER-6302** was born on 11 Jan 1953 in McCook, Red Willow County, Nebraska.

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-Edmonds 57, pg.6
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Roger married (MRIN:2140) Justine Lorraine (Dusty) WOLF-6304 in

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-Edmonds 57, pg.6
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Denver, Adams County, Colorado.

78. Cleo EDMONDS-608 (Fred, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James).

Cleo married (MRIN:2125) Jay JONES-6272.

-Edmonds 59

Burned under the house by hand carried sideline torch. Told to me by Aunt Bettie Sickler 2008.

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Jay and Cleo had the following children:

169 F i. Cherie-6269.

-only child// told to me by Aunt Betty Sickler 1-08

-Edmonds 59

No Idea where she is.

Cleo kid Cherie and she has 1 child.

-Edmonds 59

See file for added notes.

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170 M ii. **Unkown JONES-6389** .

-Edmonds 59

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79. Virginia EDMONDS-609 (Fred, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James).

-2-9-08

Erma Giselman married Harry Giselman when I was about 14-16 years old. I don't know where she is buried but I believe she died about 4-5 years ago. There were no children.__Virginia Edmonds Simpson did marry Tommy Simpson and there were no children. Again, I don't remember exactly when she died nor where she is buried.

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Virginia married (MRIN:385) Tommy SIMPSON-1157.

They had the following children:

171 F i. **Joanne SIMPSON-6271** .

-Edmonds 59

Notes on Joanne in file.

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81. **Josophine WOLF-613** (Jennie Marie EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 31 Aug 1918 in St. Francis, , Kansas.

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-Edmonds 37
Photographs
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Josophine married (1-MRIN:389) **Normand RAYMOND Sr-1163** on 9 Mar 1935 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon.

They had the following children:

172 M i. Normand RAYMOND Jr-1164.

Josophine married (2-MRIN:390) Earl DRURY-1165 on 27 Nov 1938.

They had the following children:

173 M ii. **Brent DRURY-1166** .

82. **Wynona WOLF-618** (Jennie Marie EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born in St. Francis, , Kansas.

Wynona married (MRIN:386) Edgar SMITH-1158.

They had the following children:

174 M i. **Edgar SMITH Jr-1167** .

175 F ii. **Nona Mae SMITH-1168** .

176 M iii. **Ralph SMITH-1169**.

177 M iv. **Douglas SMITH-1170**.

83. **Roberta Marie WOLF-614** (Jennie Marie EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Aug 1922 in St. Francis, , Kansas.

-HOMEMAKER -10-09-08 Born in Soddy, but not sure which soddy.

Roberta married (MRIN:286) **Edward Raymond CARPENTER-847** on 13 Jul 1940 in Vancouver, Washington. Edward was born on 9 Oct 1914. He died on 26 Mar 1980.

They had the following children:

- + 178 M i. Edward Raymond CARPENTER Jr-848 was born on 9 May 1941.
- + 179 M ii. **Jim Earl CARPENTER-849** was born on 18 Feb 1948.
- 87. Opal Elaine EDMONDS-606 (Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 5 Jan 1924. She died on 31 May 2010 in Portland, Marion, Oregon.

-Edmonds 53.5

Elaine (Edmonds) Wager

Wager, Elaine (Edmonds) $86\ 01/05/1924\ 05/31/2010$ Elaine was born in Wamic She was a homemaker Elaine is survived by her son, Steven. A funeral will be at $11\ a.m.$ Thursday, June 3, 2010, in Apostolic Faith Church. Arrangements by Holman's Funeral Service.

Published in The Oregonian on June 2, 2010

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Opal married (MRIN:2175) **Bill WAGER-6413** on 16 Jan 1943. Bill was born on 23 Jun 1922. He died on 29 Jan 2006. He was buried Lincoln Cemetery, Portland Oregon.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Bill and Opal had the following children:

- + 180 F i. **Judith Judy WAGER-6415** was born on 20 Apr 1944. She died on 27 Jun 1987.
- + 181 M ii. Steve William WAGER-6414 was born on 17 Nov 1947.
- 88. Vivian Lee EDMONDS-1160 (Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Jul 1926 in Portland Oregon. She died on 27 Oct 2008 in Portland Oregon. She was buried in Rose City Cemetery Portland Oregon.

-Edmonds 53.5 -Edmonds 71 Death Information.

Vivian married (1-MRIN:2203) **Gordan PERKINS-6512** on 26 Oct 1945. Gordan was born on 21 Jan 1920. He died on 11 Jul 1960. He was buried in Rose City Cemetery, Portland Oregon.

-Edmonds 53.5

Gordan and Vivian had the following children:

- + 182 F i. Carolyn PERKINS-6514 was born on 11 Aug 1946.
 - 183 M ii. **David Spencer PERKINS-6660** was born on 6 Dec 1949 in Portland Oregon. He died in 1952 in Portland Oregon.

-Edmonds 71

- + 184 F iii. **Deanna Louise PERKINS-6515** was born on 7 Feb 1953.
- + 185 F iv. **Terry Lynn PERKINS-6516** was born on 29 Dec 1960.

Vivian married (2-MRIN:2204) **Art RUDD-6513** . Art died in Jan 1977. He was buried in Rose City Cemetery, Portland Oregon.

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-Edmonds 53.5
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89. Barbara Jean EDMONDS-1161 (Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 12 Oct 1930.

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-first husband was a bowen, and had one son. 9/09 -9/09
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-Edmonds 59

Cousin Barbara Edmonds, daughter to Vern Edmonds said the following:

Mom and Betty use to come over to visit and my Mother (Cleone) would get home sick.

-Edmonds 53.5

-Edmonds 37

Photographs

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Barbara married (1-MRIN:2167) **Marvin David BOWEN-6390** in 1951. Marvin was born on 26 Feb 1926. He died on 12 Dec 1983. He was buried in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Portland Oregon.

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-Edmonds 59
Died of cancer.
-Edmonds 53.5
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Marvin and Barbara had the following children:

- + 186 F i. **Marilyn Sue BOWEN-6392** was born on 14 Nov 1952.
- + 187 M ii. Michael Robert BOWEN-6393 was born on 14 Jul 1955.

+ 188 M iii. Ronald David BOWEN-6394 was born on 1 May 1960.

Barbara married (2-MRIN:2168) Paul REULE-6391. Paul was born on 4 Jun 1936.

- -Edmonds 59
- -Edmonds 53.5

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90. **Don EDMONDS-605** (Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James).

-Edmonds 59

Notes on Don in file.

-Edmonds 71

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Don married (MRIN:2183) Karen-6438.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Don and Karen had the following children:

189 F i. **Jan EDMONDS-6441** .

-Edmonds 53.5

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190 F ii. **Jean EDMONDS-6439** .

-Edmonds 53.5

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191 M iii. **Jim EDMONDS-6440** .

-Edmonds 53.5

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91. Patricia Ann EDMONDS-604 (Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 12 Jan 1934.

-Edmonds 53.5

Patricia married (MRIN:212) Donald W. WOLFE-607 on 19 Jan 1951. Donald was born on 21 Feb 1933.

-Edmonds 53.5

Donald and Patricia had the following children:

- 192 F i. Connie Lynn WOLFE-6443 was born on 12 Jun 1954.
- 193 F ii. Kathleen Ann WOLFE-6442 was born on 29 Jul 1956.
- 194 M iii. Gary Donald WOLFE-6444 was born on 17 Dec 1957.
- 195 M iv. Larry David WOLFE-6445 was born on 28 Dec 1958.
- 196 F v. **Debra Jean WOLFE-6446** was born on 12 Oct 1962.
- 197 F vi. Cheryl Dawn WOLFE-6447 was born on 23 May 1963.
- vii. Lori Jill WOLFE-6448 was born on 11 Jan 1965. 198 F
- 93. Betty CHARF-22 (Mary Ellen EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 4 Apr 1930.
 - -Edmonds 37
 - Photographs
 - -Edmonds 6
 - -Edmonds 55

photograph

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Betty married (MRIN:9) **Leon SICKLER-23** on 5 Jan 1950. Leon died on 29 Apr 2005 in Portland Oregon.

OCCUPATION - POST OFFICE

UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVES - RETIRED

Died Natural causes at home with his family around him. Hospice was called in a couple of days earlier and at around 200pm on April 29, 2005 Uncle Leon Sickler passed away. He was a nice man. JJE -Edmonds 49a

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Leon and Betty had the following children:

199 F i. Brenda Lee SICKLER-58 was born on 13 Mar 1950.

200 F ii. Mari Lou SICKLER-59 was born on 13 Jun 1951. She died on 15 Jul 1994.

201 M iii. Tad Leon SICKLER-60 was born on 22 Oct 1955.

+ 202 M iv. Lawrence Duane SICKLER-61 was born on 25 Feb 1963.

203 M v. James Arthur SICKLER-62 was born on 3 Jul 1965.

94. Cleone Aileen CHARF-5 (Mary Ellen EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 4 Nov 1932 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA.

SCHOOLS - CAPITOL HILL GRADE SCHOOL (GRADUATED FROM CLASS OF 8)

1ST TWO YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL COMMERCE HIGH PORTLAND ORE.

NEXT TWO YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL AT LINCOLN HIGH PORTLAND ORE.

JOBS - 1958 OREGON STATE DENTAL SCHOOL DENTAL THEORY ND DENTAL LAB (WAS ONE YEAR SCHOOL)

- AROUND 1958 WORKED AT DENTAL OFFICE DURING DAY TWICE A WEEK WENT TO NIGHT SCHOOL
- 1962 +/- WORKED FOR DR. ELTON STORMENT FOR ABOUT 4YRS
- WORKED FOR PORTLAND ORTHODONIC GROUP TRAINED FOR ORTHODONIC TECH.
- WORKED FOR DR. ROBERT WU 1963 +/-
- HAD SHELLY SALENE 1965 TOOK BREAK HELPED WITH CLEANING BUSINESS

-Edmonds 59 Cousin Barbara Edmonds, daughter to Vern Edmonds said the following: Mom and Betty use to come over to visit and my Mother (Cleone) would get home sick. -Edmonds 37

Photographs

-Edmonds 6

-Edmonds 55

photograph

--Edmonds 52

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Cleone married (1-MRIN:2) **Johnny Leroy EDWARDS-4** son of James Dale EDWARDS-15 and Sally BARNEYCASTLE-11 (MRIN:10) on 26 Dec 1950 in Portland Oregon Multnomah County. The marriage ended in divorce. Johnny was born on 11 Feb 1928 in

Canon City, , Colorado. He died on 12 Apr 1993 in Vancouver, , Washington. He was buried in Portland, , Oregon, Willamette Cem..

SCHOOL- HALL ELEMENTORY SCHOOL WOODBURN ORE.
HIGH SCHOOL ?_____ (DIDN'T GRADUATE)

NAVY- JOINED THE NAVY AT 17YRS 1945+/-

JOBS AND DUTY

ASSIGNMENTS - 22 MONTHS DESTROYER TENDER USS DIXIE AD14

GOT OUT 1947

- FEB 1948 JOINED POST OFFICE
- JOINED NAVY RESERVES BETWEEN 1948-1951
- JAN 20 1951 RECIEVED ORDERS TO REPORT TO PIER 91 SEATTLE WA.
 FLOWN TO PEARL HARBOR HAWAII
 ANOTHER 22 MONTHS ON SUBMARINE USS SEA DEVIL
- STARTED CLEANING BUSINESS WHOLE FAMILY HELPED
- SEPT 1952 GOT OUT OF NAVY WENT BACK HOME, CONTINUED WITH POST OFFICE
- LIVED IN 1. BEAVERTON ORE. MILBORN ST.
 - 2. WEST LIN ORE.
 - 3. OAKGROVE ORE.
- RETIRED FEB 1983

1986 HAD BYPASS SURGERY

JUL 1991 HAD A ANURISM ON HIS AERORTA.

JOHNNY LEROY EDWARDS

JOHNNY LEROY EDWARDS was born on FEBRUARY 11, 1928 in CANON CITY COLORADO, and passed away on April 12, 1993. Johnny Leroy Edwards is buried at the Willamete National Cemetery in Portland Oregon.

Johnny Leroy Edwards

married Cleone Charf

December 26, 1950 Burlingame Oregon.

Children

Debra Marie
 Pamela Ann
 Michele Salene
 Johnny James

I am very partial towards my fathers life, he was a loving and talented man. I learned much from my father, some things that he taught me while he was living and other things I learned after his death. My father taught me to be a man, and most of all a gentlemen.

TIME LINE FOR JOHNNY LEROY EDWARDS (See chapter 8 for sources)

-1928, February 11:Johnny L. Edwards was born in Fremont County, Canon City Colorado.

-1934: Johnny L. Edwards moved to Woodburn Oregon with his parents and siblings.

-1944, September 8:Johnny L. Edwards became an apprentice molder and coremaker at the Salem Iron Works in Salem Oregon.

-1946, September: Johnny L. joined the United States Navy.

-1946: Johnny Leroy Edwards was assigned to the DESTROYER TENDER U.S.S. DIXIE (AD14).

-1947, November 26:Johnny L. was honorably discharged from the United States Navy.

-1948, Febuary: Johnny L. joined the Portland Post Office in Portland Oregon.

-1950, December 26:Johnny L. Edwards married Cleone Charf

-1951, January 20:Johnny L. Edwards was recalled by the Navy and assigned to Pearl Harbor Hawaii to the submarine U.S.S. SEA DEVIL.

-1953, June 23:Johnny L. Edwards was honorably discharged from the U.S. NAVY on JUNE 23, 1953.

-1979, January 29:Johnny L. Edwards married Madolyn Mahoney.

-1988, February: Johnny L. Edwards retired from the United States Post Office after 35 years of service.

-1993, April 12:Johnny Leroy Edwards passed away.

I was very lucky to have my father share with me many stories of his life in Woodburn Oregon while growing up.

I can't remember one mention of bad times in his childhood.

Johnny L. Edwards grew up in hard times but they were good times. Along with his older brother Albert and his sister Ruth(Petie) they had some very memorable times while living in the log cabin that his Father built in Woodburn in the 1930's.

After High school my father more than anything wanted to join the Navy to serve in World War 2. After talking to his father James Dale Edwards and convincing him that this was what he wanted to do, his Father James D. Edwards gave his approval and it is here that Johnny L. Edwards started his adult life.

While serving in the Navy Johnny L. Edwards father James Dale Edwards passed away. This of course was a hard time for him and his family, in the end it was very painful for Johnny L. Edwards because of his Naval deployment the Navy was not able to allow him to go home to say his goodbye to his father, this hurt my father terribly to the end of his days.

Johnny L. Edwards married Cleone Charf on December 26, 1950 and from this marriage there were Four children born.

If I could give a title to my father which I feel accurately portrays my father, it would be that he was a "Fisherman". My father was more relaxed and calm at heart while fishing and I feel that this was the real Johnny L. Edwards.

The art of fishing was a love of my fathers through out his life, all of his children were able to share this love of fishing with him, the love and interest in fishing that his children showed meant very much to my father.

Along with fishing there was camping, they both in my fathers mind went along with each other hand And hand. This was called "Edwards Camping", and everyone, friend and family new about the traditions which came with the annual event. Some of the traditions to this day still occur, Edwards Stew, tarp camping, walking in the dark with a flashlight, and most of what I remember of this is sitting around the campfire at night and listening intently to my fathers stories which molded me proudly into an image of my father.

Johnny L. Edwards had many hobbies some of which included: leather work, carving, woodworking, gardening, decorating, drawing, and stain glass work.

Later in my fathers life he tried to enjoy some of his life ambitions which were building a deck, Enjoying a motor home and spending time at home enjoying his retirement.

If there was one thing that my father didn't accomplish that I know he wanted more than anything in his life was to build a work shop for woodworking and many more of his hobbies. He enjoyed talking with me about this dream, sharing his plans, telling me about the pot belly stove that would have in his mind made the shop complete.

My father was a Veteran of WW2 and the Korean War and was honorably buried in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland Oregon.

Johnny and Cleone had the following children:

- + 204 F i. **Debra Marie EDWARDS-6** was born on 14 Mar 1953.
- + 205 F ii. Pamela EDWARDS-7 was born on 10 Mar 1956.
 - 206 F iii. **Michele Salene EDWARDS-8** was born on 1 Jan 1965 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon. She died in 1973.

MICHELE DIED FROM LUEKEMIA.

+ 207 M iv. Johnny James EDWARDS-1 was born on 28 Jun 1966.

Cleone married (2-MRIN:4) **Clifton Howard BRADSHAW-14** son of Jessie Earl BRADSHAW-792 and Lila Bell SMITH-793 (MRIN:269) on 7 Aug 1971 in Longview, , Washington, House(Gardenia).

97. **Donavin MERKLIN-654** (David Albert MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James).

Donavin married (MRIN:229) Rachael-658.

They had the following children:

208 M i. Wayne MERKLIN-659.

209 F ii. Donna MERKLIN-660.

99. **Audrey MERKLIN-656** (David Albert MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James).

Audrey had the following children:

210 M i. **Donald-662** .

100. Phyllis MERKLIN-657 (David Albert MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James).

Phyllis married (MRIN:232) MORRIS-663.

They had the following children:

211 F i. **Genie MORRIS-664** .

212 F ii. Aloha MORRIS-665.

213 F iii. **Anna MORRIS-666** .

214 F iv. Luanna MORRIS-667.

108. Frances Nadine MERKLIN-1064 (Lemuel Edmond MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 24 Sep 1928.

She had the following children:

215 F i. **Bonita Arlene-1073** was born on 16 Oct 1947.

216 M ii. **Wynn Shepherd-1074** was born on 7 Jun 1950.

217 M iii. **Garold Arthur-1075** was born on 14 Apr 1951.

218 M iv. **Timothy Whitcom-1076** was born on 25 Oct 1952.

219 F v. **Sherry Lynn-1077** was born on 11 Aug 1954.

220 M vi. Ronald David-1078 was born on 25 Jan 1956.

221 M vii. Chester Erving-1079 was born on 4 Aug 1957.

109. Leon Ellsworth MERKLIN-1065 (Lemuel Edmond MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 16 May 1930 in , Cheyenne Cnty, Kansas.

Leon married (MRIN:361) **Darlene Betty ZIMBELMAN-1080** on 25 Jun 1952 in St. Francis, , Kansas, Eub Church.

They had the following children:

+ 222 M i. **Dennis MERKLIN-1081** was born on 28 Mar 1955.

- 223 M ii. **Kelly Dale MERKLIN-1082** was born on 19 Dec 1957 in Colby, , Kansas. He died on 30 Mar 1961.
- 224 M iii. **Bradley Lee MERKLIN-1083** was born on 16 Aug 1964 in St. Francis, , Kansas.
- + 225 F iv. Cynthia Sue MERKLIN-1084 was born on 16 Oct 1967.
- 110. **Dale E MERKLIN-1066** (Lemuel Edmond MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 31 Oct 1932.

He had the following children:

- 226 F i. Yolanda Sue MERKLIN-1090 was born on 7 Dec 1955.
- 227 F ii. Melody Kay MERKLIN-1091 was born on 2 Oct 1958.
- 228 M iii. John David MERKLIN-1094 was born on 2 Dec 1958.

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- 229 F iv. **Linda Lee MERKLIN-1092** was born on 17 Nov 1960.
- 230 F v. Annette Marie MERKLIN-1093 was born on 2 Oct 1962.
- 111. Charles Maynard MERKLIN-1067 (Lemuel Edmond MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 4 Apr 1934.

He had the following children:

- 231 F i. Sonya Dee MERKLIN-1095 was born on 4 May 1969.
- 232 M ii. Steven Charles MERKLIN-1096 was born on 27 Nov 1972.

- 233 F iii. Stacey Ann MERKLIN-1097 was born on 25 Nov 1973.
- 112. William Ray MERKLIN-1068 (Lemuel Edmond MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 12 Sep 1935.

He had the following children:

- 234 F i. Terri Corine MERKLIN-1098 was born on 1 Mar 1956.
- 235 F ii. **Debra Collene MERKLIN-1099** was born on 5 Jul 1957.
- 236 F iii. Vickie Ilene MERKLIN-1100 was born on 8 Sep 1960.
- 237 F iv. Marie Marlene MERKLIN-1101 was born on 16 Oct 1961.
- 238 F v. **Trudy Golene MERKLIN-1102** was born on 12 May 1964.
- 239 M vi. Brian Ray MERKLIN-1103 was born on 12 Jan 1972.
- 113. Janice Ann MERKLIN-1069 (Lemuel Edmond MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 27 Apr 1938.

She had the following children:

- 240 F i. **Brenda Leigh-1104** was born on 29 Dec 1957.
- 241 F ii. **Kathleen Ranae-1105** was born on 19 Apr 1959.
- 242 M iii. Kent Edmond-1106 was born on 26 Oct 1960.
- 243 M iv. Scott Alen-1107 was born on 27 Feb 1962. He died on 4 Nov 1963.
- 244 F v. Carla Nadine-1108 was born on 13 Nov 1964.

TWIN TO CHARLES RAY BORN NOV 13 1964

245 M vi. **Charles Ray-1109** was born on 13 Nov 1964. He died on 14 Nov 1964.

TWIN TO CARLA NADINE BORN NOV 13 1964

115. Marlin Theodore MERKLIN-1071 (Lemuel Edmond MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 27 Nov 1941.

Marlin married (MRIN:368) **Peggy Ray SHOUSE-1110** on 4 Jun 1961.

They had the following children:

246 F i. **Peggy Lorine MERKLIN-1111** was born on 5 May 1963.

247 M ii. Michael Alan MERKLIN-1112 was born on 20 Nov 1965.

116. **Lenna Jean MERKLIN-1072** (Lemuel Edmond MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 5 Mar 1943.

Lenna married (MRIN:369) Fred STUDER-1113 on 14 Jan 1961.

They had the following children:

248 F i. **Deanna Kay STUDER-1114** was born on 15 Jun 1961.

TWIN TO LEANNA FAY BORN JUNE 15 1961

249 F ii. Leanna Fay STUDER-1115 was born on 15 Jun 1961.

TWIN TO DEANNA KAY BORN JUN 15 1961

- 250 F iii. Connie Ray STUDER-1116 was born on 3 Oct 1962.
- 251 F iv. Lainie Gay STUDER-1117 was born on 18 Nov 1970.
- 118. Ava Justine SUTTON-131 (Hazel Ava GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 12 Sep 1920 in Max, , Nebraska.

 Ava married (MRIN:119) Elmer Jacob ARTIST-354 on 10 Aug 1943 in Max, , Nebraska.

 Elmer was born on 11 Nov 1918 in Benkelman, , Nebraska.

They had the following children:

- + 252 M i. James William ARTIST-355 was born on 17 Jul 1945.
- + 253 F ii. **Nancy Jo ARTIST-356** was born on 13 Mar 1950.
- + 254 M iii. Everette Ward ARTIST-357 was born on 13 Sep 1954.
- + 255 F iv. **Deidre Gaee ARTIST-358** was born on 13 May 1957.
- 119. James Playford SUTTON-348 (Hazel Ava GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Aug 1924 in McCook, , Nebraska. He died on 8 May 1948 in Stratton, , Nebraska.

REAL PARENTS NAMES: JAMES PLAYFORD/BERTHA PATE

James married (MRIN:118) **Letha DICKE-353** daughter of Henry DICKE-894 and Ida Meyer-895 (MRIN:302) on 8 May 1949 in Stratton, , Nebraska. Letha was born on 29 Apr.

James and Letha had the following children:

- + 256 F i. Marilyn SUTTON-896 was born on 15 Oct 1950.
- + 257 F ii. **Linda SUTTON-898** was born on 5 Feb 1959.

258 F iii. **Kay Louise SUTTON-897** was born on 23 Nov 1960 in Benkelman, , Nebraska.

Kay married (MRIN:371) **Russell Allen GREGORY-1122** on 30 Mar 1985 in Oklahoma City, , Oklahoma, Chapelhill Metho.

121. Anna Daurene GORTHY-323 (Paul GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 25 Jun 1924.

-Edmonds 48

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Anna married (MRIN:109) **Jack Eugene MARING-325** . Jack was born on 22 Oct 1924. He died on 2 Jul 1998.

- -Edmonds 48
- -Maring, Jack Eugene, 22 Oct 1924--02 Jul 1998, h/o Anna D. GORTHY

Jack and Anna had the following children:

- + 259 F i. Jeanne Marie GORTHY-326 was born on 15 Nov 1949.
- + 260 F ii. **Jo Ann MARING-342** was born on 28 Nov 1952.
- 122. Paul Valden GORTHY Jr.-324 (Paul GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 22 Jun 1929 in , Cheyenne, Kansas. He died on 23 Jun 1980 in , , Denver. He was buried in Benkelman, , Nebraska, Benk. Cem..

Printed in the Benkelman, NE Post, June 1980 Paul Valden Gorthy

Paul Valden Gorthy, son of Paul and Vera Gorthy, was born June 22, 1929, on his family's farm in Cheyenne County, KS and died at his home June 24, 1980 at the age of 51 years.

Paul attended rural elementary school in Cheyenne County and high school in St. Francis, KS. On Aug. 31, 1950, he was united in marriage to Berniece Esther Druliner at Benkelman, NE. To this union three daughters were born: Deborah, Cynthia and Sue.

Paul and his wife made their home on the family farm in Cheyenne County until Paul's induction into the Air Force during the Korean conflict. Following his honorable discharge in 1952, they returned to the family farm where they made their home since.

Paul was engaged in cattle and farming operations throughout his life time and was one of the first irrigators of this area. He especially enjoyed raising quarter horses.

Paul was a member of St. Francis Lodge No. 404, AF&AM, Isis Temple of Saline, KS, the Saline Consistory, Atwood Chapter No. 84 of the Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, Goodland Elks Lodge No. 1528,

Cheyenne Shrine Club, the Cheyenne Mounted Patrol, Doric Chapter No. 404, Order of the Eastern Star. Paul served as a member of the Bird City Board of Education for several years and was also a member of the Cheyenne County Fair Board. He was active in the Kansas Quarter Horse Association, serving on the Board of Directors for the past several years. He was also active as a leader for the 4-H horse project at th local, district, and state level.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul. He is survived by his mother, Vera Gorthy; his wife, Berniece; three daughters, Deborah Manhattan, KS; Sue of St. Francis, KS; Cynthia and her husband, Ron Ham of Benkelman; two grandchildren, Shane and Shannon Ham one sister, Ann and husband, Jack Maring of Bird City, KS as well many other relatives and friends.

Services were held Fri., June 2, 1980 at the United Methodist Church in Bird City, KS. Interment was in Benkelman (Nebraska) Cemetery Committal service was held by St. Francis Lodge No. 404, AF&AM.

Paul married (MRIN:110) Bernice Esther DRULINER-327.

They had the following children:

- + 261 F i. **Deborah anne GORTHY-328** was born on 25 Feb 1953.
- + 262 F ii. **Cynthia Jo GORTHY-329** was born on 22 Feb 1954.
- + 263 F iii. Susan Lynn GORTHY-330 was born on 6 Dec 1957.
- 125. **Tyra Ann BENGE-123** (Anna Laura GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 25 Jan 1946 in McCook, , Nebraska.

TYRA ANN WAS ADOPTED BY ANNA AND BOYD BENGE WHEN SHE WAS 4 YRS. IN 1950.

OCCUPATION - CREDIT MANAGER CAR DEALERSHIP IN GREELEY CO.
- CERTIFIED LEVEL 1 RESERVE POLICE OFFICER FOR

Tyra married (MRIN:32) **Darwin Loyd (Doc) PORTER-124** on 1 Sep 1965 in St. Francis, , Kansas. Darwin was born on 23 Apr 1939 in Beardsly, , Kansas.

OCCUPATION - CHIEF OF POLICE EATON COLORADO

Darwin and Tyra had the following children:

+ 264 M i. **Del Ray PORTER-125** was born on 17 Oct 1966.

265 M ii. **Christopher Allen PORTER-126** was born on 30 Oct 1969 in McCook, , Nebraska.

OCCUPATION - ARMY

Christopher married (MRIN:34) Stephanie-129 .

266 M iii. **Deacon Therlow PORTER-127** was born on 13 Jun 1971 in Camebridge, , Nebraska.

Ninth Generation

131. **Joyce Elaine CASE-6490** (Iris May (Mae) EDMONDS, Joseph Oliver, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 9 Sep 1953 in Pendleton, Oregon.

-Edmonds 55

Born Sept. 9, 1953 Pendelton Oregon but lived and attended school in Hermiston, Oregon. Married James Elwin Houle of Pendleton in the United Methodist Church of Hermiston, Oregon July 26, 1975. Joyce worked as a teacher in the Pendleton School District and teaches online education course for Blue Mountain Community College. James (Jim) is a self employed CPA. We have two sons. Jake and James.

-Edmonds 55 photograph

-Email from Joyce Houle 1-2011

Joyce Elaine Case Houle-Daughter of Iris May Edmonds Case/Granddaughter of Oliver Perry Edmonds

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Born: January 13, 1981 in Pendleton, Oregon

Currently employed as an apprentice lineman and married in Pendleton, Or. August 1, 2009 to Kelly Ingle, also of Pendleton.

James Dwight (JD) Houle

Born: January 22, 1985 in Pendleton, Oregon

Currently employed by Columbia Distributing in Seattle, Wa. and married in Leavenworth, Wa. November 14, 2009 to Jacilyn Norberg of Snohomish, Wa.

JD has 2 sons:

Bennett Timothy Kennedy-Li, born December 10, 2006 in Portland, Oregon. Birth mother is Tabitha Dalton (now Tabitha O'Shea). Bennett was adopted by Tabitha's aunt Becky Kennedy-Li as an open adoption. He lives in Portland, Or.

Jack Elwin Houle, born April 8, 2010 in Seattle, Wa. to JD and Jacilyn.

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Joyce married (MRIN:2201) James Elwin HOULE-6501 on 26 Jul 1975.

-Edmonds 55

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James and Joyce had the following children:

267 M i. **Jake Riley HOULE-6502** was born on 13 Jan 1981 in Pendleton, Oregon.

- -Edmonds 55
- -Email from Joyce Houle 1-2011

Joyce Elaine Case Houle-Daughter of Iris May Edmonds Case/Granddaughter of Oliver Perry Edmonds

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Jake married (MRIN:2202) Kelly INGLE-6504.

-Edmonds 55

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268 M ii. **James Dwight (Jd) HOULE-6503** was born on 22 Jan 1985 in Pendleton, Oregon.

- -Edmonds 55
- -Email from Joyce Houle 1-2011

Joyce Elaine Case Houle-Daughter of Iris May Edmonds Case/Granddaughter of Oliver Perry Edmonds

Born September 9, 1953 in Pendleton, Oregon but lived and attended school in

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- 140. Alice Cleora EDMONDS-4944 (Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 6 Feb 1931 in St. Francis, , Kansas.
 - -Edmonds 67
 - -Edmonds 58

Alice married (1-MRIN:1651) Rodney Eugene POLLY-4956 on 28 Aug 1949 in Woodburn, , Oregon. Rodney was born on 29 Dec 1929 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado. He died on 15 Jun 1986 in Springfield Oregon.

-Edmonds 58 Died from Heart Attack.

-Edmonds 67

Rodney and Alice had the following children:

269 M i. **Timothy Eugene POLLY-4957** was born on 1 Aug 1950.

- + 270 M ii. Michael Ross POLLY-4958 was born on 23 Feb 1953.
- + 271 F iii. Nancy Louise POLLY-4959 was born on 11 Oct 1956.
- + 272 M iv. **David Joe POLLY-4960** was born on 29 Jun 1960.

Alice married (2-MRIN:1652) **Fred HAMER-4961** on 12 May 1991. Fred was born on 7 Jan 1922 in Springfield, , Oregon. He died on 16 Jan 1997.

-Edmonds 58

141. Lyle Ray EDMONDS-4945 (Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 26 Nov 1933 in St. Francis, , Kansas.

- -Edmonds 58
- -Edmonds 67
- -Edmonds 48
- -Email

Thu, May 5, 2011 8:24:35 PM

Note From: Lyle Edmonds

To: johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com HI Johnny

Have you seen Barbara Edmonds and her Husband Ralph. They are Joe Edmonds Grandson. Russell and Kate's Son I have been trying to size up Carolyne Edmonds, Kerr thinking she might be Richard's Brother. What I am thinking she may be too young to be her.

I think I may have to contact Uncle Lee to find out if Richard lives in our area. I went to the Milwaukie School and through the Alumni could not find his name.

Sure wish we would have kept more in contact. When Aunt Alice was alive, years ago they came with their Mother. I remember my son Richard was there at the same time. I have Ralph's address. He does chain saw carving so he gave us a card at Neil's on time. Back when Kate and Russell's sister who married a Case. The mother of the lady that gave you lots of good pictures. My memory is very bad I will be 78 so I almost wore it out.

Good seeing you on Face I watch a lot as Rachel is Richard my, son's, daughter. Jared is Jim's son in Idaho, Sean and Shane

Wilson are my daughter Valerie's children. Denny is our Son and on face is Kate Edmonds his wife, Jennifer Draper his sister Monique Suhon a 1/2 Sister Justin Edmonds Denny's son. Heather Kendall another of his daughters

So you can see how I can keep up with my family's younger ones. Nice chatting with you Johnny

Lyle married (MRIN:1657) **CarolAnn HOLSINGER-4977** on 11 Nov 1951 in Woodburn, , Oregon. CarolAnn was born on 25 Jul 1937 in Willington, , Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

Has maiden name Heisinger. Has place of birth Scio Oregon.

-Edmonds 58

Lyle and CarolAnn had the following children:

- + 273 M i. **Dennis Ray EDMONDS-6553** was born on 2 Jun 1953.
- + 274 M ii. Jimmie Leroy EDMONDS-6554 was born on 12 Sep 1954.
- 275 M iii. Richard Lyle EDMONDS-6555 was born on 15 Oct 1956.
- + 276 F iv. Valerie Arlene EDMONDS-6556 was born on 30 Mar 1958.
- 142. **Neil Willard EDMONDS-4946** (Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 2 Oct 1936 in St. Francis, , Kansas. He died on 19 Jun 2008 in Canby Oregon.

Neil Edmonds

Neil Edmonds, 72, of Canby, died Thursday, June 19, 2008, of complications from leukemia.

He was born Oct. 2, 1936, in St. Francis, Kan. In, 1958, he married Marilyn Roberts.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy Reserve.

He lived 30 years in the Willamette Valley and 35 years in Canby.

He was a machinist at Publisher Paper Co.

Survivors include his sons, Dan and Troy; mother, Eva Edmonds; brother, Lyle; sisters, Alice Polly, Marie Nichols, Ruby Silver and Phyllis Black; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Southlake Foursquare Church in West Linn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Foundation. Arrangements by North Valley Funeral

Alternatives. --Edmonds 67 Has name Willard Neil Edmonds not Neil Willard Edmonds. Has death place Tualitin Oregon. -Edmonds 48 -Edmonds 58 Neil married (MRIN:1658) Marilyn Gail ROBERTS-4981 on 29 Aug 1958. Marilyn was born on 3 Feb 1939 in Minot, , North Dakota. -Edmonds 67 Neil and Marilyn had the following children: 277 M i. **Daniel Neil EDMONDS-4980** was born on 19 May 1960. 278 M ii. Troy Anthony EDMONDS-4979 was born on 8 Nov 1962 in Florence, Oregon. -Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 48 -Edmonds 58 143. Ruby Lucille EDMONDS-4947 (Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 17 May 1938 in St. Francis Kansas, Cheyenne County. -Edmonds 58 -Edmonds 67

Ruby married (1-MRIN:2218) Maury KENT-6557 .

-Edmonds 67

Ruby married (2-MRIN:2219) **James Melborne BAKER-6558** on 22 Apr 1956. The marriage ended in divorce.

-Edmonds 67

James and Ruby had the following children:

i. **Jim Norman BAKER-6560** was born on 28 Aug 1956 in Salem Oregon. He died on 30 Aug 1956 in Salem Oregon.

-Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58

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- + 280 F ii. **Jenny Marie BAKER-6561** was born on 31 Oct 1957.
- + 281 F iii. **Jill Maureen BAKER-6562** was born on 15 Sep 1959.
- + 282 M iv. **James Monte BAKER-6563** was born on 16 Jun 1963.

Ruby married (3-MRIN:2220) **Donald Marvin SILVER-6559** on 30 Jan 1970. Donald was born on 28 Jan 1939 in New York.

-Edmonds 67

-Edmonds 58

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Donald and Ruby had the following children:

+ 283 F v. **Sarah Lynn SILVER-6564** was born on 9 Mar 1971.

144. Ellen Marie EDMONDS-4948 (Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 14 Jul 1941 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

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-Edmonds 58
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Ellen married (1-MRIN:2221) **John Richard BEARD-6565** on 3 Sep 1959 in Woodburn Oregon. John was born on 27 Sep 1939 in Oregon .

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-Edmonds 67
-Edmonds 58
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John and Ellen had the following children:

- + 284 M i. **Wesley Corwin BEARD-6567** was born on 27 Jul 1960. He died on 19 Jan 1999.
- + 285 F ii. Mollie Annettee BEARD-6568 was born on 28 Aug 1963.

Ellen married (2-MRIN:2222) Wilbur Floyd NICHOLS-6566 on 18 Jan 1991.

-Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58

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- 145. **Phyllis Lavon EDMONDS-4949** (Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 8 Aug 1948 in Silverton Oregon.
 - -Edmonds 67

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Phyllis married (1-MRIN:2223) **Roger Dean MILLER-6569** on 2 Nov 1968 in Woodburn Oregon. The marriage ended in divorce. Roger was born on 8 Jul 1946 in North Dakota.

-Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58

Roger and Phyllis had the following children:

286 M i. **Donald Scott MILLER-6571** was born on 30 Jun 1972 in Salem Oregon.

-Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58

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Phyllis married (2-MRIN:2224) **Gary Lynn BLACK-6570** on 3 Dec 1976. Gary was born on 4 Feb 1950 in Springfield Oregon.

-Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58

Gary and Phyllis had the following children:

- + 287 M ii. Brian Daniel BLACK-6572 was born on 25 Feb 1977.
- 161. Robert Arthur PASSMORE-6288 (Helen Maxine CARMAN, Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 7 Jun 1947 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

-Edmonds 57, Pg. 5

Robert married (MRIN:2133) Marlene Kaye WANE-6290 daughter of Jesse Keith WANE-6305 and Eileen Marie MCCONVILLE-6306 (MRIN:2141) on 28 Apr 1973 in Mary Our Queen, Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska. Marlene was born on 2 Aug 1953 in McCook, Red Willow County, Nebraska.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg. 5, 6
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Robert and Marlene had the following children:

- + 288 F i. Brenda Renee PASSMORE-6307 was born on 24 Jun 1977.
- + 289 F ii. Denise Marie PASSMORE-6308 was born on 18 Sep 1979.
 - 290 M iii. **Douglas Paul PASSMORE-6309** was born on 23 Jan 1983 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

-Edmonds 57, Pg.6

162. Barbara Anne PASSMORE-6289 (Helen Maxine CARMAN, Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 24 Sep 1949 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg. 5
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i, January 29, 2010 8:44:18 PMRe: Info
From: Barbara Gilstrap
To: Johnny J. Edwards < johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com>
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Hi Johnny

I am Barbara and my grandparents are Artie & Ruth Edmonds Carman. Grandad Carman helped his dad build a home in Phillipsburg Kansas. Then he moved to St Francis and he & grandma Ruth were married in St Francis Kansas. Mom (Helen) was born in St Francis and lived there until after she was married to Paul Passmore. Then they moved to Benkelman Nebraska where Dad was from.

I was born in St Francis (1949) but lived in Benkelman until I was married in Wray Colorado, to Wes Gilstrap. We have 4 children Lynn 40, Larry 38, Ruth Anne 1982-2002, Anthony stillborn in 1984. We didn't wander far we are 40 miles from St Francis. Uncle Keith and Aunt Pat never left Kansas. My mother only moved 35 miles. Aunt Margaret moved to Parker Colorado, about 150 miles and moved back 5 years ago. Uncle Chet was married in Florida after the service then moved to Urichville Ohio where he spent the rest of his life. To clear up the ranking of the family, Mom was oldest then Chet, Keith and Margaret

Wes is retired from the Yuma County Hiway Dept (after 41 Years) and I a m a clerk at Alco Dept store

We were in Portland Oregon for Aunt Jennies 60th Anniversary I think it was in 1976. We enjoyed our time out there and stayed with Ed and Nona Edmonds(I think).

I can't wait to get some of the family tree. I am sure it will clear up some qustions we have.

I was off work at 8 so will wrap this up for now look forward to hear more from you.

Barbara

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Sat, January 30, 2010 8:56:01 From: Barbara Gilstrap

To: johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com

Hi Johnny

I have Family Tree Maker 2010 If you send me your address I will send the 12 pages I have printed out for you. Some info for now. Ruth and Artie had Four children.

Helen and Paul Passmore,

Robert (Bob) and Kaye Passmore Omaha Nebraska

Brenda and Aaron Dauel

Addison 4 and Damon September 29, 2009

Denise and Mike Shearer

Kathern July 13,2009

Doug Passmore San Francisco California He just moved so I am not sure of this.

Barbara and Wes Gilstrap

Lynn and Gene Riley Haigler Nebraska

Justin Gilstrap now lives in Topeka Kansas

Natasha Riley Haigler

Larry & April Gilstrap

Tyler Hacket, Elizabeth & Ariel Gilstrap

Ruth Anne Gilstrap 1984 to 2002

Anthony Gilstrap Stillborn 1984

Chet & Dorothy Carman

Linda & Bruce Immel (2 other husbands) Lori Thompson Todd Thompson Stacie, Tina & Tisha Angelo

Keith & Pat Carman

Charlie & Jonna (Divorced) Charlie was Killed in a pickup Sept 29, 2000

Jelvnn and Kelly Carman Of Haigler Nebraska

Cheryl & Tom Williams live near the homeplace of Ruth & Artie.

Kavcee Williams is a senior this year.

They Live near to Sue Zimbelman and they are good friends.

Margaret & Ken Sauer

Cliff and Roger Sauer both were married and divorced. Cliff commited Suicide January 29, 1991.

Roger Lives in St Francis where he is with his mother.

There is a lot more on the papers I will send to you. There are Obits and all.

I will get this to you so you can start to digest this.

Please send me your address so I can get this to you. I will send pictures soon of all the family By for now Barbara

Barbara married (MRIN:2134) Lawrence Wesley GILSTRAP-6291 son of Floyd Edward

GILSTRAP-6312 and Wilda Bonnell VEAL-6313 (MRIN:2144) on 8 Nov 1968 in Wray, Tuma County, Colorado. Lawrence was born in Sep 1945 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado.

-Edmonds 57, Pg. 5, 7

Lawrence and Barbara had the following children:

- + 291 F i. **Martha Lynn GILSTRAP-6314** was born on 19 Aug 1969.
- + 292 M ii. Lawrence Lavern GILSTRAP-6315 was born on 27 Dec 1971.
 - 293 F iii. Ruth Anne Gilstrap GILSTRAP-6316 was born on 26 Apr 1982 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado. She died on 30 Aug 2002 in Brighton, Adams County, Colorado.

-Edmonds 57, Pg.7

Obituary and account of Ruth Anne Gilstrap and her life.

Printed in the Benkelman, NE Post, September 2002

Ruth Anne Gilstrap

Ruth Anne Gilstrap was born April 26, 1982, in Wray, Colo., to Wesley and Barbara (Passmore) Gilstrap. She passed away in Brighton, Colo., on Friday, Aug. 30, 2002, after a short bout with pneumonia and rhabdomyolysis.

Ruth Anne is the third of four children. She attended and graduated with the Class of 2000 from Wray Schools.

After graduation she moved to Haxtun, Colo., then to Yuma, Colo., with her brother. She enjoyed collecting dolphins and Eeyore. She loved looking for old and new friends to run around with and talking to them on the computer. She enjoyed taking care of the young and old alike.

She was a Certified Nurse Aide at Holyoke, Haxtun and a short time at Yuma Life Care. She was preceded in death by her brother, Anthony; grandparents Paul and Helen Passmore and Bonnell Gilstrap.

She is survived by her parents, Wesley and Barbara, and sister Lynn and husband, Gene Riley, of Haigler, Neb.; brother Larry and special friends April and Tyler Hackett of Yuma; Granddad Ed Gilstrap of St. Francis, Kan.; nephew Justin Gilstrap and niece

Natasha Riley of Haigler; uncle and aunts Bob and Kaye Passmore of Omaha, Neb., Pat Carmen of St. Francis, Margaret Sauer of Parker, Colo., and June Odell St. Francis, and a host of cousins and friends.

Services for Ruth Ann Gilstrap were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2002, at the New Life Christian Center in Eckley, Colo., with Pastor Glen Kline officiating, Interment was in Grandview Cemetery in Wray. Spellman-Schmidt Funeral Home in Wray was in charge of arrangements.

294 M iv. Anthony Edward GILSTRAP-6317 was born on 10 Mar 1984 in Wray,

Yuma County, Colorado. He died on 10 Mar 1984 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado.

-Edmonds 57, Pq.9

Printed in the Benkelman, NE Post, March 1984

Anthony Edward Gilstrap

Graveside services for Anthony Edward Gilstrap, infant son of Wesley and Barbara Gilstrap, were held Monday, March 12, 1984, at Grandview Cemetery. The infant was stillborn March 10, 1984.

He is survived by his father, Wesley, and mother, Barbara; brother and two sisters, Lynn, Larry and Ruth Anne; grandfather, Ed Gilstrap of St. Francis, Kansas; grandmother, Helen Passmore of Wray, Colorado, and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Paul Passmore, and his grandmother, Bonnell Gilstrap.

163. Linda Lucille CARMAN-6292 (Chester James CARMAN, Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 9 Aug 1945 in Miami Florida.

-Edmonds 57, pg.5

Linda married (1-MRIN:2150) Frank ANGELO-6326 son of Frank Angelo ANGELO-6327 and Florence DESALVA-6328 (MRIN:2151) in Feb 1971 in New Philadelphia Ohio. Frank was born on 11 Dec 1929 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

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Frank and Linda had the following children:

+ 295 F i. Stacie Leigh ANGELO-6329 was born on 12 Aug 1971.

296 F ii. **Tina Marie ANGELO-6330** was born on 22 Jan 1973 in Dover, Ohio.

-Edmonds 57, pg.9

297 F iii. **Tisha Lynn ANGELO-6331** was born on 27 Jun 1975 in Dover, Ohio.

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Linda married (2-MRIN:2147) **Harold Eugene THOMPSON II-6320** son of Harold Eugene THOMPSON-6321 and Geraldine PICKERING-6322 (MRIN:2148) on 12 Feb 1961 in Dennison, Ohio. Harold was born on 24 Apr 1943.

-Edmonds 57, pg.9

Harold and Linda had the following children:

- + 298 F iv. **Lori Ann THOMPSON-6323** was born on 21 Sep 1961.
 - 299 M v. **Jeffrey Todd THOMPSON-6324** was born on 17 Apr 1963 in Dennison, Ohio.

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Jeffrey married (MRIN:2149) **Julie Ann POZZI-6325** on 20 Jan 2004 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

-Edmonds 57, pg.9

Linda married (3-MRIN:2135) Bruce INNEL-6294 on 5 Dec 2003 in Ohio.

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165. Charles Arthur CARMAN-6297 (Keith Wilmer CARMAN, Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 15 Aug 1962 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas. He died on 29 Sep 2000 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

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-Edmonds 57, pg.6
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Charles married (MRIN:2137) **Jonna HAROUFF-6299** daughter of Jon HAROUFF-6333 and Gayle BROWN-6334 (MRIN:2153) on 1 Apr 1995 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas. Jonna was born on 27 Apr 1968 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado.

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Charles and Jonna had the following children:

300 F i. Jelyne Chantelle CARMAN-6335 was born on 24 Oct 1992.

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301 M ii. **Kelly Daniel CARMAN-6336** was born on 16 Nov 1996 in Benkelman, Dundy County, Nebraska.

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166. Cheryl Ann CARMAN-6298 (Keith Wilmer CARMAN, Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 22 Mar 1964 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

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Cheryl married (MRIN:2138) **Thomas Kent WILLIAMS-6300** son of Leo WILLIAMS-6337 and Violet-6338 (MRIN:2154) on 30 Mar 1991 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas. Thomas was born on 18 Dec 1958 in Benkelman, Dundy County, Nebraska.

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Thomas and Cheryl had the following children:

i. **Kaycee Danielle WILLIAMS-6339** was born on 27 Apr 1992 in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas.

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-Edmonds 57, pg.10
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167. Clifford Wendell SAUER-6301 (Margeret Janette CARMAN, Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 21 Jun 1951 in Stratton, Hichcock County, Nebraska. He died on 29 Jan 1991 in Jackson Creek, Adams County, Colorado.

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Clifford married (1-MRIN:2139) **Julie-6303** in 1975 in Aurora, Colorado. Julie was born in Massachusetts.

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Clifford married (2-MRIN:2155) Pam CLARKE-6340 . Pam was born in St. Louis, Missouri.

-Edmonds 57, pg.10 Unknown if they were married or not

Clifford and Pam had the following children:

303 F i. **Rachel CLARKE-6341** was born on 21 Oct 1985 in Denver, Adams County,

Colorado.

-Edmonds 57, pg.10

178. Edward Raymond CARPENTER Jr-848 (Roberta Marie WOLF, Jennie Marie EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 9 May 1941 in Portland, , Oregon.

Edward Raymond Carpenter Jr.

Carpenter Jr., Edward Raymond 68 05/09/1941 11/29/2009 He was born in Portland Edward was a warehouseman for Portland General Electric He is survived by his wife, Connie M.; sons, Todd and Troy; and mother, Roberta. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, in Westside Community Church, Beaverton. Arrangements by Skyline Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home.

Edward married (MRIN:287) **Connie Mae NIEMEYER-850** on 28 Dec 1963 in Beaverton, Oregon. Connie was born on 3 Feb 1945.

They had the following children:

- i. **Todd Edward CARPENTER-852** was born on 24 Aug 1967 in Portland, , Oregon.
- 305 M ii. **Troy Douglas CARPENTER-853** was born on 5 Nov 1970 in Portland, , Oregon.

179. Jim Earl CARPENTER-849 (Roberta Marie WOLF, Jennie Marie EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 18 Feb 1948 in Portland, , Oregon.

Jim married (MRIN:288) **Kelly Ann HIPES-851** on 23 Jan 1971. Kelly was born on 6 Jun 1952.

They had the following children:

- 306 M i. **Douglas James CARPENTER-854** was born on 28 Mar 1972 in Portland, , Oregon.
- 307 F ii. **Amy Michell CARPENTER-855** was born on 12 Feb 1977 in Portland, , Oregon.
- 308 F iii. **Sarah Lynn CARPENTER-856** was born on 29 Oct 1981 in St. Helens, , Oregon.
- 180. Judith Judy WAGER-6415 (Opal Elaine EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 20 Apr 1944. She died on 27 Jun 1987. She was buried in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Portland Oregon.

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Judith married (MRIN:2176) **Jim Franklin PRESTON-6416** in Nov 1965. Jim was born on

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12 Sep 1944.

Jim and Judith had the following children:

- + 309 M i. Scott Darrin PRESTON-6417 was born on 5 Oct 1968.
- 181. Steve William WAGER-6414 (Opal Elaine EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 17 Nov 1947.

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Steve married (MRIN:2178) Deanna LYTLE-6422 . Deanna was born on 23 Jul 1948.

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Steve and Deanna had the following children:

- + 310 F i. Cindy WAGER-6423 was born on 29 Aug 1969.
- + 311 F ii. Marsha WAGER-6424 was born on 26 Jan 1971.
- + 312 F iii. Julie WAGER-6425 was born on 2 Feb 1973.
- 182. Carolyn PERKINS-6514 (Vivian Lee EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 11 Aug 1946 in Portland Oregon.

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Carolyn married (MRIN:2205) **Cliff METZENBERG-6517** on 7 Nov 1964. Cliff was born on 11 Nov 1936.

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Cliff and Carolyn had the following children:

- + 313 F i. **Jill METZENBERG-6518** was born on 5 May 1966.
- + 314 M ii. **Alan METZENBERG-6519** was born on 22 Sep 1969.
- 184. **Deanna Louise PERKINS-6515** (Vivian Lee EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 7 Feb 1953.

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Deanna married (MRIN:2208) **William Robert MOEN-6528** on 22 Apr 1972. William was born on 19 Oct 1948.

-Edmonds 53.5

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William and Deanna had the following children:

- + 315 F i. **Lisa Nicole MOEN-6530** was born on 1 Jul 1973.
 - 316 M ii. **Rob David MOEN-6529** was born on 20 Dec 1975.

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Rob married (MRIN:2209) **Rebekka POLOVAN-6531** . Rebekka was born on 27 Oct 1979.

-Edmonds 53.5

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185. **Terry Lynn PERKINS-6516** (Vivian Lee EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 29 Dec 1960.

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Terry married (MRIN:2211) Clarence Morgan HOPKINS-6535 on 19 May 1979.

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Clarence and Terry had the following children:

317 F i. **Jennifer Lynn HOPKINS-6536** was born on 18 Dec 1980.

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Jennifer married (MRIN:2212) **Brandon RUSH-6542** on 18 Aug 2007. Brandon was born on 15 Apr 1984.

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- + 318 F ii. **Kristy Lee HOPKINS-6537** was born on 3 Nov 1982.
- + 319 F iii. Allison Joy HOPKINS-6538 was born on 13 Jun 1984.
 - 320 M iv. Josh David HOPKINS-6539 was born on 2 Sep 1986.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Josh married (MRIN:2215) **Lisa Marie HAMMER-6549** on 28 Apr 2007. Lisa was born on 2 Sep 1984.

-Edmonds 53.5

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321 F v. Amy Elizabeth HOPKINS-6540 was born on 31 Mar 1988.

-Edmonds 53.5

Amy married (MRIN:2216) **John PATAN-6550** . John was born on 5 Sep 1983.

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322 M vi. Jesse Thomas Donald HOPKINS-6541 was born on 2 Jan 1991.

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186. Marilyn Sue BOWEN-6392 (Barbara Jean EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 14 Nov 1952 in Seattle Washington.

-Edmonds 59

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Marilyn married (MRIN:2169) **Andrew KEMI-6395** in 1973. Andrew was born on 27 Oct 1952.

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Andrew and Marilyn had the following children:

323 F i. Amber Nichole KEMI-6396 was born on 23 Oct 1974.

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324 M

ii. Brian Andrew KEMI-6397 was born on 23 Mar 1976.

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Brian married (MRIN:2170) Stacy RITCHER-6399 on 19 Oct 2006.

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325 M iii. Brent Ronald KEMI-6398 was born on 11 Jun 1981.

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187. **Michael Robert BOWEN-6393** (Barbara Jean EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 14 Jul 1955 in Portland Oregon.

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Michael married (MRIN:2171) **Florica-6400** on 19 Apr 1980. Florica was born on 18 Oct 1959.

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Michael and Florica had the following children:

- + 326 M i. **Jeremy BOWEN-6401** was born on 30 Jul 1981.
- + 327 F ii. Venessa Florica BOWEN-6402 was born on 12 Oct 1982.
- 188. **Ronald David BOWEN-6394** (Barbara Jean EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 1 May 1960.

-Edmonds 59

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Ronald married (MRIN:2182) **Cydney Shannon MILLER-6436** on 4 Jun 1988. Cydney was born on 16 Feb 1961.

-Edmonds 53.5

Ronald and Cydney had the following children:

328 F i. Samantha BOWEN-6437 was born on 1 Oct 1999.

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192. Connie Lynn WOLFE-6443 (Patricia Ann EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 12 Jun 1954.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Connie married (MRIN:2184) **Richard David LYTLE-6449** on 25 Nov 1972. Richard was born on 14 Nov 1952.

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Richard and Connie had the following children:

329 M i. Alan Donald LYTLE-6450 was born on 21 Feb 1975.

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- + 330 F ii. **Christy Lynn LYTLE-6451** was born on 23 Jan 1978.
- 193. **Kathleen Ann WOLFE-6442** (Patricia Ann EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 29 Jul 1956.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Kathleen married (MRIN:2186) **Seven Warren CARLSON-6454** on 25 Nov 1978. Seven was born on 24 Apr 1958.

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Seven and Kathleen had the following children:

331 M i. Vincent Warren CARLSON-6455 was born on 15 Sep 1979.

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- + 332 M ii. Dustin Andrew CARLSON-6456 was born on 9 Jun 1982.
 - 333 M iii. Kevin James CARLSON-6457 was born on 26 Mar 1985.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Kevin married (MRIN:2188) Tiffany Hope RADMACHER-6461 on 17 Nov

2007. Tiffany was born on 12 Oct 1982.

-Edmonds 53.5

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334 M iv. Ryan David CARLSON-6458 was born on 17 Oct 1987.

-Edmonds 53.5

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194. **Gary Donald WOLFE-6444** (Patricia Ann EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 17 Dec 1957.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Gary married (MRIN:2189) **Tenna MORSE-6462** on 7 Apr 1979. The marriage ended in divorce. Tenna was born on 22 May 1958.

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Gary and Tenna had the following children:

335 F i. Betsy Michal WOLFE-6463 was born on 24 Feb 1980.

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Betsy married (MRIN:2190) Greg Donald MOORE-6466 on 29 Aug 2008.

-Edmonds 53.5

336 F ii. Holly Dawn WOLFE-6464 was born on 23 Jan 1982.

-Edmonds 53.5

Holly married (MRIN:2191) Robert BOURLAND-6467 on 21 Jul 2003. Robert was born on 10 Sep 1980.

-Edmonds 53.5

337 M iii. Clark David WOLFE-6465 was born on 23 Jul 1983.

-Edmonds 53.5

Clark married (MRIN:2192) Sumin MOEN-6468 on 24 Feb 2006. Sumin was born on 25 Feb 1981.

-Edmonds 53.5

195. Larry David WOLFE-6445 (Patricia Ann EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Dec 1958.

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Larry married (MRIN:2193) **Mollie Jo SCOPIL-6469** on 8 Aug 1986. Mollie was born on 21 Feb 1962.

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Larry and Mollie had the following children:

338 F i. Madison Rae WOLFE-6470 was born on 9 Jan 1989.

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339 M ii. Davis Whisler WOLFE-6471 was born on 29 Apr 1992.

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-Edmonds 53.5
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196. **Debra Jean WOLFE-6446** (Patricia Ann EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 12 Oct 1962.

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Debra married (MRIN:2194) **Mike MERRYFIELD-6472** on 5 May 1995. Mike was born on 28 Jan 1954.

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-Edmonds 53.5
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Mike and Debra had the following children:

340 F i. Makena MERRYFIELD-6473 was born on 6 Jun 1998.

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197. Cheryl Dawn WOLFE-6447 (Patricia Ann EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 23 May 1963.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Cheryl married (MRIN:2195) Ben DOWNEY-6474. The marriage ended in divorce.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Ben and Cheryl had the following children:

341 M i. **Shad DOWNEY-6475** .

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342 F ii. **Misty DOWNEY-6476** .

-Edmonds 53.5

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343 M iii. **Levi DOWNEY-6477** .

-Edmonds 53.5

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344 F iv. Michelle DOWNEY-6478.

-Edmonds 53.5

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198. Lori Jill WOLFE-6448 (Patricia Ann EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 11 Jan 1965.

-Edmonds 53.5

Lori married (MRIN:2196) **Jeffery Robert SUART-6479** on 19 Apr 1986. Jeffery was born on 7 Sep 1961.

-Edmonds 53.5

Jeffery and Lori had the following children:

345 F i. **Kelsey Ann SUART-6480** was born on 8 Jul 1992.

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346 F ii. Natalie Elizabeth SUART-6481 was born on 4 Oct 1994.

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347 M iii. **Grant lan SUART-6482** was born on 21 Feb 1998.

-Edmonds 53.5

202. Lawrence Duane SICKLER-61 (Betty CHARF, Mary Ellen EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 25 Feb 1963.

Lawrence married (MRIN:388) Tracy LYNN-1162.

They had the following children:

348 M i. Andrew Lawrence SICKLER-6273 was born on 31 Aug 1993.

349 F ii. Mariah Nicole SICKLER-6274 was born on 11 Dec 1996.

204. **Debra Marie EDWARDS-6** (Cleone Aileen CHARF, Mary Ellen EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 14 Mar 1953 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA.

Debra married (MRIN:3) **Darrell SMITH-10** in 1974 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA.

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Darrell and Debra had the following children:

- i. **Shannon Leigh SMITH-12** was born on 6 Apr 1975 in , , , Bess Kiaser Hosp. She died on 11 May 2010 in Friday Harbor Washington.
- 351 M ii. **Anthony (Tony) Gene SMITH-13** was born on 19 Dec 1976 in , , , Ore. med. Center.
- 205. Pamela EDWARDS-7 (Cleone Aileen CHARF, Mary Ellen EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 10 Mar 1956 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon.

Pamela married (1-MRIN:37) Darrell KENDALL-137. The marriage ended in divorce.

They had the following children:

+ 352 F i. Chandra Denise KENDALL-138 was born on 4 Oct 1974.

Pamela married (2-MRIN:38) William Bill SULLIVAN-139. The marriage ended in divorce.

William and Pamela had the following children:

+ 353 M ii. **Jeffrey William SULLIVAN-140** was born on 19 Jun 1979.

Pamela married (3-MRIN:39) Ron DERRICK-141.

They had the following children:

354 F iii. Ashley Nicole DERRICK-5011 was born on 14 Aug 1994 in Longview Wa.

207. Johnny James EDWARDS-1 (Cleone Aileen CHARF, Mary Ellen EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Jun 1966 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon, USA.

SCHOOLS- OLYMPIC ELEMENTORY SCHOOL, LONGVIEW WA.

NORTHLAKE ELEMENTORY SCHOOL LONGVIEW WA.

CASCADE MIDDLE SCHOOL LONGVIEW WA.

PLEASENT VALLEY ELEMENTORY SCHOOL VANCOUVER WA.

PRARIE HIGH SCHOOL VANCOUVER WA.

GRADUATED- JUNE 1985

EMPLOYMENT- WEST PAINTING CO. VANCOUVER WA.

MOWED LAWNS VANCOUVER WA.

JOINED UNITED STATES NAVY MAY 18 1986

NAVY- BOOTCAMP ORLANDO FLORIDA (GRADUATED AUGUST 86)

SCHOOLS- MEMPHIS TENNESSEE (GRADUATED OCT 86)

NAS LEMOORE CALIFORNIA (GRADUATED JAN 87)

DUTY STATIONS- NAS ALEMEDA CALIFORNIA VA-304 A7E'S/ A6E & KA6D

NAS PT. MUGU CALIFORNIA IMA P/P 41L "I" LEVEL

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Johnny married (MRIN:1) **Colleen Ann JORDAN-2** daughter of Benjamin Frank JORDAN-227 and Helen HONKALA-228 (MRIN:76) on 20 Oct 1986 in Vancouver, Clark,

Washington, USA. Colleen was born on 22 Nov 1966 in Vancouver, Clark, Washington, USA.

They had the following children:

- 355 F i. **Kayli Ann EDWARDS-3** was born on 2 Jul 1989 in Oakland, Alameda, California, USA.
- 356 F ii. **Natasha Salene EDWARDS-135** was born on 29 Mar 1992 in Ventura, Ventura County, California.
- 357 M iii. **Johnny Benjamin James EDWARDS-6187** was born on 30 Oct 2001 in

Salem Oregon.

-Birth Salem Hospital, Salem Oregon.

222. **Dennis MERKLIN-1081** (Leon Ellsworth MERKLIN, Lemuel Edmond MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Mar 1955 in St. Francis, , Kansas.

Dennis married (MRIN:362) **Mary L MCCAIN-1085** on 30 Oct 1980 in St. Francis, , Kansas, Methodist Church.

They had the following children:

- i. Christopher Lee MERKLIN-1086 was born on 21 Jun 1981 in St. Francis, , Kansas.
- 359 F ii. **Heather Marie MERKLIN-1087** was born on 2 Dec 1984 in St. Francis, , Kansas.

225. **Cynthia Sue MERKLIN-1084** (Leon Ellsworth MERKLIN, Lemuel Edmond MERKLIN, Madora EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 16 Oct 1967 in St. Francis, , Kansas.

Cynthia married (MRIN:363) **Mike MITCHELL-1088** on 5 Sep 1987 in St. Francis, , Kansas, Methodist Church.

They had the following children:

- 360 F i. **Kimberly Ann MITCHELL-1089** was born on 20 Feb 1988 in Box Cedar, , South Dakota.
- 252. James William ARTIST-355 (Ava Justine SUTTON, Hazel Ava GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 17 Jul 1945 in Benkelman, , Nebraska.

James married (1-MRIN:120) **Pamela MCMILLAN-359** in Sep 1968 in Greeley, , Colorado. The marriage ended in divorce.Pamela was born on 16 Apr 1946.

James married (2-MRIN:121) **Jane Ellen BERGMAN-360** on 19 Aug 1978 in Greeley, , Colorado.

They had the following children:

- 361 F i. Lacee Michelle ARTIST-361 was born on 12 Feb 1980 in Greeley, , Colorado.
- 362 M ii. William Tyler ARTIST-362 was born on 1 Feb 1982 in Greeley, , Colorado.
- 253. Nancy Jo ARTIST-356 (Ava Justine SUTTON, Hazel Ava GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 13 Mar 1950 in Rochester, , Minnesota.

Nancy married (MRIN:122) **Thomas Ross MAY-363** on 14 Jun 1972 in Rochester, , Minnesota. The marriage ended in divorce.

They had the following children:

363 F i. **Angela Gwendolyn MAY-364** was born on 19 Apr 1975 in Greeley, , Colorado.

364 M ii. **John Jacob MAY-365** was born on 26 Mar 1978 in Greeley, , Colorado.

254. Everette Ward ARTIST-357 (Ava Justine SUTTON, Hazel Ava GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 13 Sep 1954 in Greeley, , Colorado.

Everette married (1-MRIN:123) **Patti DODD-366** in 1983 in Lake Tahoe. The marriage ended in divorce.

Everette married (2-MRIN:124) Lori GUENTHER-367 on 17 Oct 1987.

They had the following children:

365 M i. **Miles ARTIST-774** was born on 15 Jun 1990.

366 M ii. **Tanner Sutton ARTIST-903** was born on 17 Feb 1993 in Phoenix, , Arizona.

255. **Deidre Gaee ARTIST-358** (Ava Justine SUTTON, Hazel Ava GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 13 May 1957 in Greeley, , Colorado.

Deidre married (MRIN:125) Mark SCHULTZ-368 on 31 Oct 1985 in Austin, , Texas.

They had the following children:

367 F i. anne Justine SCHULTZ-902 was born on 29 Jun 1992 in Austin, , Texas.

256. Marilyn SUTTON-896 (James Playford SUTTON, Hazel Ava GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 15 Oct 1950 in Trenton, , Nebraska.

Marilyn married (MRIN:303) **Wayne BUCKLES-899** on 31 May 1971 in Benkelman, , Nebraska.

They had the following children:

368 M i. Wayne Mark BUCKLES-1118 was born on 24 Feb 1972.

369 M ii. James Roy BUCKLES-1119 was born on 16 Nov 1982.

257. Linda SUTTON-898 (James Playford SUTTON, Hazel Ava GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 5 Feb 1959 in Benkelman, Nebraska.

Linda married (MRIN:370) Tom HUTSON-1120.

They had the following children:

370 M i. Christopher Micheal HUTSON-1121 was born on 22 Oct 1982.

259. **Jeanne Marie GORTHY-326** (Anna Daurene GORTHY, Paul GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 15 Nov 1949 in Benkelman, , Nebraska.

Jeanne married (MRIN:114) **Charles Dennis DUNBAR-339** on 8 Nov 1971. Charles was born on 31 Jul 1946 in Richmond, , Kansas.

They had the following children:

371 F i. **anne Elizebeth DUNBAR-340** was born on 18 Feb 1976 in Whichita, , Kansas.

372 F ii. Courtney Lensdale DUNBAR-341 was born on 2 Jun 1978 in Merced, , California.

260. **Jo Ann MARING-342** (Anna Daurene GORTHY, Paul GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Nov 1952 in Benkelman, , Nebraska.

Jo married (MRIN:115) **Darrel Douglas JONES-343** on 9 May 1971 in Bird City, , Kansas. Darrel was born on 10 Apr 1951 in McCook, , Nebraska.

They had the following children:

373 M i. **Jeremy Darrel JONES-344** was born on 21 Aug 1971 in Benkelman, , Nebraska.

374 F ii. **Jill Diane JONES-345** was born on 13 Apr 1974 in Benkelman, , Nebraska.

261. **Deborah anne GORTHY-328** (Paul Valden GORTHY, Paul GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 25 Feb 1953.

Deborah married (MRIN:111) Robert GRACE-331 in Dec 1984.

They had the following children:

375 F i. McKenzie Lee GRACE-332 was born on 12 Jul 1988.

262. **Cynthia Jo GORTHY-329** (Paul Valden GORTHY, Paul GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 22 Feb 1954 in Benkelman, , Nebraska.

Cynthia married (MRIN:112) Ronald HAM-333 on 29 Jan 1972.

They had the following children:

376 M i. **Shane Lee HAM-334** was born on 27 Aug 1972.

377 F ii. **Shannon Susanne HAM-335** was born on 20 Feb 1975.

263. **Susan Lynn GORTHY-330** (Paul Valden GORTHY, Paul GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 6 Dec 1957.

Susan married (MRIN:113) Mark John ZIMBELMAN-336 on 10 Oct 1981.

They had the following children:

378 M i. **Dennon ZIMBELMAN-337** was born on 29 Jan 1985.

379 F ii. Alecia Ann ZIMBELMAN-338 was born on 13 Feb 1989.

264. **Del Ray PORTER-125** (Tyra Ann BENGE, Anna Laura GORTHY, Laura Belle EDMONDS, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 17 Oct 1966 in St. Francis, , Kansas.

He had the following children:

380 M i. **Seth Daniel PORTER-128** was born on 15 Jun 1988 in Greeley, , Colorado.

Tenth Generation

269. Timothy Eugene POLLY-4957 (Alice Cleora EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 1 Aug 1950 in Bend, , Oregon.
-Edmonds 58 -Edmonds 67 -
Timothy married (MRIN:1653) Janice Ruth TOOZE-4962 on 23 Jun 1972 in Lincoln City
Oregon. Janice was born on 7 Jul 1953 in Hillsboro Oregon.
-Edmonds 67 -
Timothy and Janice had the following children:
 i. Christopher Aron POLLY-4963 was born on 13 Jul 1974 in Astoria, , Oregon. -Edmonds 58 -Edmonds 67
382 M ii. Benjamin Michael POLLY-4964 was born on 19 Feb 1978 in Salem, , Oregon.
-Edmonds 58 -Edmonds 67 -
383 F iii. Amy Lynn POLLY-4965 was born on 12 Dec 1980 in Salem, , Oregon. -Edmonds 58 -Fdmonds 67

270. Michael Ross POLLY-4958 (Alice Cleora EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 23 Feb 1953 in Redmond, , Oregon.

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-Edmonds 58
-Edmonds 67
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Michael married (MRIN:1654) Roberta May DAVIDSON-4966 on 29 Feb 1980 in Lincoln

-Edmonds 58 -Edmonds 67

Michael and Roberta had the following children:

City Oregon. Roberta was born on 5 May 1953 in , , Oregon.

i. Tracy Glen POLLY-4967 was born on 18 Feb 1980 in Lincoln City Oregon.He died on 27 Feb 1980 in Lincoln City, , Oregon.

-Edmonds 58 -Edmonds 67

385 F ii. Brook Nicole POLLY-4968 was born on 14 May 1981.

386 F iii. **Heather DAwn POLLY-4969** was born on 31 Oct 1984 in Lincoln City, , Oregon.

-Edmonds 58 -Edmonds 67

271. Nancy Louise POLLY-4959 (Alice Cleora EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 11 Oct 1956 in New Port, , Oregon.

-Edmonds 58

-Edmonds 67

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Nancy married (MRIN:1655) **Marvin Carl PETERS-4970** on 16 May 1980 in Woodburn, , Oregon. Marvin was born on 4 Sep 1951 in Wray, , Colorado.

-Edmonds 58

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Marvin and Nancy had the following children:

387 M i. **Brian Christopher PETERS-4971** was born on 19 Feb 1983 in Portland, , Oregon.

-Edmonds 58

-Edmonds 67

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388 F ii. **Alice Elizabeth PETERS-4972** was born on 11 Apr 1988 in Portland, , Oregon.

-Edmonds 58

-Edmonds 67

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272. David Joe POLLY-4960 (Alice Cleora EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 29 Jun 1960 in Enterprise, , Oregon.

-Edmonds 58

-Edmonds 67

Has birth date as June 29, 1960.

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David married (MRIN:1656) **Margaret Grace NEWBERRY-4973** on 25 Aug 1984 in Eugene Oregon. Margaret was born on 23 Jan 1958 in Casper Wyoming.

-Edmonds 58

273. **Dennis Ray EDMONDS-6553** (Lyle Ray, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 2 Jun 1953 in Hawaii.

- -Edmonds 67
- -Edmonds 58

Dennis married (1-MRIN:2226) **Elaine Rose DOUTHIT-6577** on 13 Mar 1973. The marriage ended in divorce. Elaine was born on 15 Feb 1954 in Marquam Oregon.

- -Edmonds 67
- -Edmonds 58

Dennis and Elaine had the following children:

- + 392 M i. Jonathan Allen EDMONDS-6580 was born on 10 Sep 1974.
- + 393 F ii. **Jennifer Ann EDMONDS-6581** was born on 11 Nov 1977.

Dennis married (2-MRIN:2227) **Lois PETVIN-6578** in 1980 in Big Forks Minnesota. The marriage ended in divorce.

- -Edmonds 67
- -Edmonds 58

Dennis and Lois had the following children:

- + 394 F iii. Heather Ann EDMONDS-6582 was born on 22 Jun 1980.
 - 395 M iv. **Justine Ray EDMONDS-6583** was born on 14 Jul 1982 in Big Forks Minnesota.
 - -Edmonds 67
 - -Edmonds 58

Dennis married (3-MRIN:2228) Laurie-6579 on 9 Jul 1999.

-Edmonds 67

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- 274. **Jimmie Leroy EDMONDS-6554** (Lyle Ray, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 12 Sep 1954 in Hawaii.
 - -Edmonds 67
 - -Edmonds 58

Jimmie married (1-MRIN:2229) **Linda Leann COX-6584** on 16 May 1973. The marriage ended in divorce. Linda was born on 20 Feb 1957.

- -Edmonds 67
- -Edmonds 58

Jimmie and Linda had the following children:

+ 396 M i. **Jimmie Leroy EDMONDS-6586** was born on 27 Mar 1975.

Jimmie married (2-MRIN:2230) Elissa Marie HAMMER-6585 on 14 May 1977 in Woodburn Oregon. Elissa was born on 11 Dec 1958.

- -Edmonds 67
- -Edmonds 58

Jimmie and Elissa had the following children:

397 M ii. **Brad Maurice EDMONDS-6662** was born on 9 May 1991 in Salem Oregon.

-Edmonds 58

275. **Richard Lyle EDMONDS-6555** (Lyle Ray, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 15 Oct 1956 in Oakland California.

- -Edmonds 67
- -Edmonds 58

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Richard married (MRIN:2232) **Mary Louise CHRISTIANSEN-6589** on 5 Oct 1975 in Woodburn Oregon. Mary was born on 3 Feb 1954 in Oregon .

- -Edmonds 67
- -Fdmonds 58

Has birth date December 3, 1954

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Richard and Mary had the following children:

398 M i. **Richard Lyle EDMONDS-6590** was born on 9 Sep 1976 in Portland Oregon.

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-Edmonds 67
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-Edmonds 58

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- + 399 F ii. Rachel Raeann EDMONDS-6591 was born on 15 Aug 1978.
- 276. Valerie Arlene EDMONDS-6556 (Lyle Ray, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 30 Mar 1958 in Tennessee.

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-Edmonds 67
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-Edmonds 58

Has birth date as March 10, 1958

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Valerie married (MRIN:2233) **Dewayne Hoyt WILSON-6592** on 5 Jun 1976 in Woodburn Oregon. Dewayne was born on 7 Jun 1950 in Oregon .

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-Edmonds 67
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-Edmonds 58

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Dewayne and Valerie had the following children:

- + 400 M i. **Sean Lyle WILSON-6593** was born on 15 Nov 1978.
 - 401 M ii. **Shane Hoyt Wilson WILSON-6594** was born on 11 Sep 1981 in Silverton Oregon.

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-Edmonds 67
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-Edmonds 58

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402 M iii. **Dewayne Hoyt WILSON-6595** was born on 4 Apr 1988 in Silverton Oregon.

-Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58

277. **Daniel Neil EDMONDS-4980** (Neil Willard, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 19 May 1960 in Frankfort, , , Germany.

-Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 48 -Edmonds 58

Daniel married (1-MRIN:1659) **Jill Kathleen MARTIN-4978** on 19 Jun 1982. Jill was born on 10 Apr 1961 in Oregon City, , Oregon.

-Edmonds 58

Daniel and Jill had the following children:

403 M i. **Christopher Daniel EDMONDS-4982** was born on 20 Apr 1986 in Portland, , Oregon.

-Edmonds 58

404 F ii. **Samantha Nicole EDMONDS-4983** was born on 15 Feb 1990 in Portland, , Oregon.

-Edmonds 58

Daniel married (2-MRIN:2234) **Kimberly BARKER-6596** on 11 Aug 1995. Kimberly was born on 18 Jul 1964.

-Edmonds 67

Daniel and Kimberly had the following children:

405 M iii. Erik Matthew EDMONDS-6597 was born on 7 Oct 1998.

-Edmonds 67

280. Jenny Marie BAKER-6561 (Ruby Lucille EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 31 Oct 1957 in Salem Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

-Edmonds 58

Jenny married (1-MRIN:2237) Edward Lowell NORTH-6600 on 16 Mar 1974. The marriage ended in divorce.

-Edmonds 67

Jenny married (2-MRIN:2238) Denny Bruse CROGHAN-6601 on 11 Sep 1982 in Woodburn Oregon. The marriage ended in divorce.

-Edmonds 67

Denny and Jenny had the following children:

406 F i. Amanda Marie CROGHAN-6605 was born on 26 Sep 1983.

Jenny married (3-MRIN:2235) Stallin JOHNSON-6598.

-Edmonds 67 Not Married -Edmonds 58 Stallin and Jenny had the following children: 407 M ii. Stallin Ryan JOHNSON-6602 was born on 20 Aug 1986. -Edmonds 67 Jenny married (4-MRIN:2236) John SHELDON-6599. -Edmonds 67 John and Jenny had the following children: 408 F iii. Ashley Rochele SHELDON-6603 was born on 27 May 1993. -Edmonds 67 iv. Johnathan James SHELDON-6604 was born on 29 Aug 1994. 409 M -Edmonds 67

281. Jill Maureen BAKER-6562 (Ruby Lucille EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 15 Sep 1959 in Salem Oregon.

-Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58 Jill married (MRIN:2239) **Gary ROWLES-6606** on 23 Nov 1975. The marriage ended in divorce. Gary was born on 17 Jun 1958 in Salem Oregon.

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-Edmonds 67
-Edmonds 58
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Gary and Jill had the following children:

- + 410 F i. **Jessica Michelle ROWLES-6607** was born on 12 Apr 1976.
 - 411 F ii. **Alicia Chritine ROWLES-6608** was born on 25 Feb 1983 in Redmond Oregon.
 - -Edmonds 67
 - -Edmonds 58

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282. **James Monte BAKER-6563** (Ruby Lucille EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 16 Jun 1963 in Palmer Alaska.

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-Edmonds 67
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-Edmonds 58

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James married (1-MRIN:2240) Sheri CURTIS-6609.

-Edmonds 67

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James and Sheri had the following children:

412 F i. Jamie Mae BAKER-6611 was born on 2 Dec 1982 in Salem Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

-Edmonds 58

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James married (2-MRIN:2241) **Angelina RAMOS-6610** on 5 Jun 1984 in California. Angelina was born on 17 Sep 1952 in Philippines.

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-Edmonds 67
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James and Angelina had the following children:

- 413 M ii. **James Monet BAKER Jr.-6612** was born on 13 Dec 1984 in San Diego California.
 - -Edmonds 67
 - -Edmonds 58

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- 414 M iii. **Joshua Michael BAKER-6613** was born on 29 May 1986 in San Diego California.
 - -Edmonds 67
 - -Edmonds 58

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- 415 M iv. Jacob Martin BAKER-6614 was born on 2 May 1991 in Florida.
 - -Edmonds 67
 - -Edmonds 58

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- 283. **Sarah Lynn SILVER-6564** (Ruby Lucille EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 9 Mar 1971.
 - -Edmonds 67
 - -Edmonds 58

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Sarah married (MRIN:2242) **Raymond BEVARD-6615** on 1 May 1993. Raymond was born on 29 Mar 1971.

-Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58	
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Raymond and	Sarah had the following children:
416 M i.	Avery Michael BEVARD-6616 was born on 18 Oct 1993 in Vancouver Washington. -Edmonds 67
	-Edmonds 58 -
417 F ii.	Emily Christine BEVARD-6617 was born on 27 Apr 1996 in Longview Washington. -Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58 -
Perry, Oren, L	n BEARD-6567 (Ellen Marie EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Olive emuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 27 Jul 1960 in Silverton Oregor Jan 1999 in Nebraska.
-Edmonds 58 -	
Wesley marrie -Edmonds 67 -	ed (1-MRIN:2244) Lisa M. BISHOP-6619 on 26 Jul 1987 in Sisters Oregon
Wesley and Li	sa had the following children:

i. Jacob Allen Beard BEARD-6623 was born on 26 Feb 1986 in Bend

418 F

Oregon.

-Edmonds 67 Wesley married (2-MRIN:2243) Cheryl Christine COATS-6618. Beard Wesley and Cheryl had the following children: 419 F ii. **Jessica Lee BEARD-6620** was born on 2 Jun 1990 in Eugene Oregon. -Edmonds 67 285. Mollie Annettee BEARD-6568 (Ellen Marie EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 28 Aug 1963 in Eugene Oregon. -Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58 Mollie married (1-MRIN:2246) Lloyd Douglas SHULTZ-6621 on 16 May 1981 in Springfield Oregon. Lloyd was born on 29 Apr 1957 in Springfield Oregon. -Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58 Lloyd and Mollie had the following children: 420 F i. Caroline Marie SHULTZ-6624 was born on 10 Jan 1983 in Eugene Oregon. -Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58

Caroline married (MRIN:2247) **David Henry MEILE-6627** on 10 Oct 2005 in Springfield Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

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- + 421 M ii. **Lehi Daniel SHULTZ-6625** was born on 11 Jun 1984.
 - 422 M iii. **Joseph Edmond SHULTZ-6626** was born on 13 Dec 1986 in Cottage Grove Oregon.
 - -Edmonds 67
 - -Edmonds 58

Has Eugene as birth place.

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423 M iv. Taylor Eden SHULTZ-6680 was born on 24 Aug 1990 in Eugene Oregon.

-Edmonds 58

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Mollie married (2-MRIN:2245) **Lonnie TREADWELL-6622** on 17 Oct 1998 in Eugene Oregon. Lonnie was born on 19 Sep 1953 in Springfield Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

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287. **Brian Daniel BLACK-6572** (Phyllis Lavon EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 25 Feb 1977 in Salem Oregon.

- -Edmonds 67
- -Edmonds 58

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Brian married (MRIN:2248) **Tanya Michele HALL-6628** on 14 Jun 1998. Tanya was born on 31 May 1976.

-Edmonds 67

-Edmonds 58

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Brian and Tanya had the following children:

i. **Amber Ruthanne BLACK-6629** was born on 29 Dec 1998 in Silverton Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

-Edmonds 58

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425 F ii. Alyssa Mae BLACK-6630 was born on 11 Jul 2000 in Silverton Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

-Edmonds 58

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426 F iii. Alison Jade BLACK-6631 was born on 9 Sep 2003 in Silverton Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

-Edmonds 58

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427 F iv. **Aspen Grace BLACK-6632** was born on 7 Oct 2006 in Silverton Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

-Edmonds 58

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288. **Brenda Renee PASSMORE-6307** (Robert Arthur PASSMORE, Helen Maxine CARMAN, Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 24 Jun 1977 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

-Edmonds 57, Pg.6

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Brenda married (MRIN:2142) **Aaron Lee DAUEL-6310** son of Larry DAUEL-6342 and Sharon-6343 (MRIN:2156) on 10 May 2003 in Mary Our Queen, Omaha, Douglas County, Nabraska. Aaron was born on 17 Jul 1975 in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.6, 11
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Aaron and Brenda had the following children:

i. Addison Kaye DAUEL-6344 was born on 20 Jan 2006 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.11
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429 M ii. **Damon Jay DAUEL-6345** was born on 29 Sep 2009 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.11
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289. Denise Marie PASSMORE-6308 (Robert Arthur PASSMORE, Helen Maxine CARMAN, Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 18 Sep 1979 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.6
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Denise married (MRIN:2143) **Michael Edward SHEARER-6311** on 20 Oct 2006 in Mary Our Queen, Omaha, Douglas County, Nabraska.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.6
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Michael and Denise had the following children:

430 F i. Katherine Eileen SHEARER-6346.

-Edmonds 57, Pg.11

291. Martha Lynn GILSTRAP-6314 (Barbara Anne PASSMORE, Helen Maxine CARMAN, Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 19 Aug 1969 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.7
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Martha married (1-MRIN:2145) **Virgil Eugene RILEY-6318** son of Virgil Lee RILEY-6347 and Darlene Cozette SHAMBLIN-6348 (MRIN:2157) on 16 May 1992 in Beecher Island, Yuma County, Colorado. Virgil was born on 5 Jan 1959 in Coffeyville, Mongomery County, Kansas.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.7, 11
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Virgil and Martha had the following children:

i. Natasha Lynn RILEY-6349 was born on 9 Dec 1992 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.11
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Martha married (2-MRIN:2158) **Roy BAUM-6350** son of Warren Kenneth BAUM Sr.-6351 and Carol Martha ROGERS-6352 (MRIN:2159). Roy was born on 24 Nov 1965 in New Jersey.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.11
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Roy and Martha had the following children:

432 M ii. **Justin Levi BAUM-6353** was born on 11 Dec 1990 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.11
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292. Lawrence Lavern GILSTRAP-6315 (Barbara Anne PASSMORE, Helen Maxine CARMAN, Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 27 Dec 1971 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.7
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Lawrence married (1-MRIN:2146) **April Lynn HACKETT-6319** on 26 Jun 2004 in Eckley, Yuma County, Colorado. April was born on 4 May 1982 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.7, 11
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Lawrence and April had the following children:

i. **Tyler Eugene HACKET-6354** was born on 23 Jul 2002 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.11
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434 F ii. **Elizabeth Marie GILSTRAP-6355** was born on 22 Oct 2003 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado.

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-Edmonds 57, Pg.11
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435 F iii. **Ariel Lyn GILSTRAP-6356** was born on 18 Jan 2006 in Wray, Yuma County, Colorado.

-Edmonds 57, Pg.11

Lawrence married (2-MRIN:2160) **Debbie COOK-6357** on 22 Jan 1997 in Benkelman, Dundy County, Nebraska. Debbie was born on 8 Mar 1959.

-Edmonds 57, Pg.12

295. **Stacie Leigh ANGELO-6329** (Linda Lucille CARMAN, Chester James CARMAN, Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 12 Aug 1971 in Dennison, Ohio.

-Edmonds 57, pg.9

Stacie married (MRIN:2152) **James FRANKOVICH-6332** in Apr 1997.

-Edmonds 57, pg.9

James and Stacie had the following children:

436 F i. Paige Alexis FRANKOVICH-6364 was born on 27 Jan 1998.

-Edmonds 57, pg.12

437 M ii. **Peyton Alexandria FRANKOVICH-6365** was born on 18 Sep 1999.

-Edmonds 57, pg.12

298. Lori Ann THOMPSON-6323 (Linda Lucille CARMAN, Chester James CARMAN, Ruth May EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 21 Sep 1961 in Dennison, Ohio.

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-Edmonds 57, pg.9
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Lori married (1-MRIN:2161) Ben MAURER-6358.

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-Edmonds 57, pg.12
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Lori married (2-MRIN:2162) **Gary KIMBLE-6359** . Gary was born on 20 Feb 1952 in Dover, Ohio.

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--Edmonds 57, pg.12
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Gary and Lori had the following children:

438 F i. Chelsey Brianne KIMBLE-6360 was born on 3 Oct 1985 in Dover, Ohio.

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ii. **Jessica Leigh KIMBLE-6361** was born on 27 May 1987 in Dover, Ohio.

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-Edmonds 57, pg.12
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440 F iii. Kensie Marie KIMBLE-6362 was born on 23 Oct 1990 in Dover, Ohio.

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-Edmonds 57, pg.12
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441 M iv. Seth Aaron KIMBLE-6363 was born on 5 Oct 1992 in Dover, Ohio.

-Edmonds 57, pg.12

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309. Scott Darrin PRESTON-6417 (Judith Judy WAGER, Opal Elaine EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 5 Oct 1968.

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, Portland Oregon

Scott married (MRIN:2177) **Tami Sue OWEN-6418** on 15 Sep 1990. Tami was born on 1 Oct 1966.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Scott and Tami had the following children:

442 F i. Kaitlyn Judith PRESTON-6419 was born on 9 Sep 1992.

-Edmonds 53.5

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443 M ii. **Matthew Scott PRESTON-6420** was born on 3 Aug 1994.

-Edmonds 53.5

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444 F iii. Lisa Janae PRESTON-6421 was born on 13 Jul 1996.

-Edmonds 53.5

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310. Cindy WAGER-6423 (Steve William WAGER, Opal Elaine EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 29 Aug 1969.

-Edmonds 53.5

Cindy had the following children:

445 F i. Cayley Marie SURNAME-6426 was born on 19 Dec 1994.

-Edmonds 53.5

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446 M ii. Jacob Calvin SURNAME-6427 was born on 6 Jun 1996.

-Edmonds 53.5

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311. Marsha WAGER-6424 (Steve William WAGER, Opal Elaine EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 26 Jan 1971.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Marsha married (MRIN:2180) Tom BARTELS-6428 on 25 Aug 1990.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Tom and Marsha had the following children:

447 M i. Anthony BARTELS-6429 was born on 16 Sep 1998.

-Edmonds 53.5

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448 M ii. **Timothy BARTELS-6430** was born on 6 Feb 2001.

-Edmonds 53.5

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449 M iii. **Ryan BARTELS-6431** was born on 22 Nov 2003.

-Edmonds 53.5

312. **Julie WAGER-6425** (Steve William WAGER, Opal Elaine EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 2 Feb 1973.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Julie married (MRIN:2181) Joe FRIESEN-6432 on 19 Oct 1991.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Joe and Julie had the following children:

450 F i. **Kelsie Ann FRIESEN-6433** was born on 19 May 1993.

-Edmonds 53.5

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451 F ii. Amanda Marie FRIESEN-6434.

-Edmonds 53.5

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452 M iii. Joshua Lawrence FRIESEN-6435 was born on 26 Sep 2001.

-Edmonds 53.5

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313. **Jill METZENBERG-6518** (Carolyn PERKINS, Vivian Lee EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 5 May 1966.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Jill married (MRIN:2206) Bobby Joe METCALF II-6520 on 6 Sep 1986.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Bobby and Jill had the following children:

453 M i. Bobby Joe METCALF III-6522 was born on 13 Mar 1988.

-Edmonds 53.5

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454 F ii. **Melody Joy METCALF-6523** was born on 2 Jul 1991.

-Edmonds 53.5

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455 F iii. Mindy METCALF-6524 was born on 29 Mar 1995.

456 M iv. Conner METCALF-6525 was born on 29 Aug 2000.

-Edmonds 53.5

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314. **Alan METZENBERG-6519** (Carolyn PERKINS, Vivian Lee EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 22 Sep 1969.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Alan married (MRIN:2207) **Tomako OlKAWN-6521** on 7 Mar 1998.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Alan and Tomako had the following children:

457 F i. Erika METZENBERG-6526 was born on 31 Aug 2005.

-Edmonds 53.5

458 M ii. Yuuki METZENBERG-6527 was born on 24 Jul 2007.

-Edmonds 53.5

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315. Lisa Nicole MOEN-6530 (Deanna Louise PERKINS, Vivian Lee EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 1 Jul 1973.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Lisa married (MRIN:2210) Basem ABDALLAH-6532 .

-Edmonds 53.5

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Basem and Lisa had the following children:

459 M i. Sami Basem ABDALLAH-6533 was born on 24 Apr 1994.

-Edmonds 53.5

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460 F ii. **Katherine Deanna ABDALLAH-6534** was born on 28 Feb 1999.

-Edmonds 53.5

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318. Kristy Lee HOPKINS-6537 (Terry Lynn PERKINS, Vivian Lee EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 3 Nov 1982.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Kristy married (MRIN:2213) **Rothanak Soma MOM-6543** on 15 Mar 2003. Rothanak was born on 5 Aug 1972.

-Edmonds 53.5

Rothanak and Kristy had the following children:

461 F i. Franchesca MOM-6544 was born on 18 May 2004.

-Edmonds 53.5

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462 M ii. **Rothonak Ty MOM-6545** was born on 14 Oct 2005.

-Edmonds 53.5

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463 M iii. Chandler MOM-6546 was born on 4 Jan 2008.

-Edmonds 53.5

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319. **Allison Joy HOPKINS-6538** (Terry Lynn PERKINS, Vivian Lee EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 13 Jun 1984.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Allison married (MRIN:2214) **Erik Gustav CALHOUN-6547** on 12 Nov 2005. Erik was born on 5 Aug 1982.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Erik and Allison had the following children:

464 M i. Graham Gustav CALHOUN-6548 was born on 20 Sep 2007.

-Edmonds 53.5

326. Jeremy BOWEN-6401 (Michael Robert BOWEN, Barbara Jean EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 30 Jul 1981. -Edmonds 59 Jeremy married (MRIN:2172) Amber ROSE-6403 in 2001. -Edmonds 59 Jeremy and Amber had the following children: 465 F i. Micah lone BOWEN-6404 was born on 5 May 2003. -Edmonds 59 ii. Zachariah Robert BOWEN-6405 was born on 14 Feb 2005. 466 M -Edmonds 59 -Edmonds 53.5 467 M iii. Noah Justis Paul BOWEN-6406 was born on 5 Sep 2006. -Edmonds 59

468 F iv. **Elena Ashlyn BOWEN-6407** was born on 21 Feb 2008.

-Edmonds 59

At the time of entry the baby girl was not born.

-Edmonds 53.5

327. Venessa Florica BOWEN-6402 (Michael Robert BOWEN, Barbara Jean EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 12 Oct 1982.

-Edmonds 59 -Edmonds 53.5

Venessa married (MRIN:2173) Chris BISORCA-6408 in 2002.

-Edmonds 59

Chris and Venessa had the following children:

469 M i. **Dominic BISORCA-6409** was born on 28 May 2003.

-Edmonds 59

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470 F ii. Giselle Juliet BISORCA-6410 was born on 18 Apr 2005.

-Edmonds 59 -Edmonds 53.5

330. Christy Lynn LYTLE-6451 (Connie Lynn WOLFE, Patricia Ann EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 23 Jan 1978.

-Edmonds 53.5

Christy married (MRIN:2185) **Greg SMITH-6452** on 8 Jul 2006. Greg was born on 1 Jul 1974.

-Edmonds 53.5

Greg and Christy had the following children:

471 M i. Wiley B. SMITH-6453 was born on 28 Jun 2007.

-Edmonds 53.5

332. **Dustin Andrew CARLSON-6456** (Kathleen Ann WOLFE, Patricia Ann EDMONDS, Verne Everett, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 9 Jun 1982.

-Edmonds 53.5

Dustin married (MRIN:2187) **Keri Michelle KINGSLEY-6459** on 12 Jul 2003. Keri was born on 28 Sep 1983.

-Edmonds 53.5

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Dustin and Keri had the following children:

472 M i. Cody Austin CARLSON-6460 was born on 4 Jul 2007.

-Edmonds 53.5

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352. Chandra Denise KENDALL-138 (Pamela EDWARDS, Cleone Aileen CHARF, Mary Ellen EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 4 Oct 1974 in Longview Wa.

-Never married to the Johanson.12-07

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Chandra married (1-MRIN:2090) JOHANSON-6167.

They had the following children:

i. **Brant Robert JOHANSON-6164** was born on 15 Jun 1995 in Longview Wa.

Chandra married (2-MRIN:2111) **Robert Christopher PETERS-6233** on 12 Aug 2006 in Longview Washington.

His date of birth is 05/19/2007 and place of birth is Longview (ST. John's). Rob's full name is Robert Christopher Peters.

Robert and Chandra had the following children:

474 M ii. **Evan Robert PETERS-6234** was born on 19 May 2007 in Longview Washington.

Here is Evan Robert, born on Sat. May 19th at 7:56 p.m. He was 7 lbs 11 oz and 21 inches long. 05/19/2007

353. **Jeffrey William SULLIVAN-140** (Pamela EDWARDS, Cleone Aileen CHARF, Mary Ellen EDMONDS, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 19 Jun 1979 in Longview Wa.

Jeffrey married (1-MRIN:2091) Janell SMITH-6186.

They had the following children:

i. **Kaitlyn Elizabeth SULLIVAN-6168** was born on 18 Jul 2001 in Longview Wa.

Mother to Kaitlyn is Janelle, unmarried at this time, 8-2001.

Jeffrey married (2-MRIN:2126) **Michelle Lee CHAMPAGNE-6275** on 23 Aug 2008 in Maui Hawaii. Michelle was born on 9 Aug 1976.

-Pregnant with Conner William Sullivan as of 12-09. Birth is in April 09.

Jeffrey and Michelle had the following children:

476 M ii. **Conner William SULLIVAN-6366** was born Febraury 28, 2010 in Longview Washington, Cowlitz County.

Eleventh Generation

385. **Brook Nicole POLLY-4968** (Michael Ross POLLY, Alice Cleora EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 14 May 1981 in Lincoln City, , Oregon.

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-Edmonds 58
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Brook married (1-MRIN:2249) **Robert K. SELF-6633** . Robert was born on 28 Jan 1972 in Salem Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

Robert and Brook had the following children:

477 M i. Simon Gabrial POLLY-6635 was born on 11 Dec 2002 in Tualiton Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

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Brook married (2-MRIN:2250) **Sam SCHMITZ-6634** on 22 Sep 2005 in Cherry Grove Oregon.

-Edmonds 67 -	
	ied (MRIN:2251) Katie Marie BRIER-6636 on 1 Jul 1993 in Silverton was born on 30 Jun 1973 in Silverton Oregon.
Jonathan and	Katie had the following children:
478 M i.	Matthew Joseph EDMONDS-6637 was born on 26 May 1998 in Silverton Oregon. -Edmonds 67 -
479 M ii.	Nathaniel Lawrence EDMONDS-6638 was born on 10 Oct 2000 in Silverton Oregon. -Edmonds 67
480 M iii.	Joshua Allen EDMONDS-6639 was born on 26 May 2004 in Silverton Oregon. -Edmonds 67 -

393. Jennifer Ann EDMONDS-6581	(Dennis Ray, Lyle Ray, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver
Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Ro	obert, James) was born on 11 Nov 1977 in Fort Lewis
Washington.	

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-Edmonds 67
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Jennifer married (MRIN:2252) **Emile Charles DRAPER-6640** on 15 Aug 1998. Emile was born on 22 Jan 1974 in Wenatchee Washington.

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-Edmonds 67
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Emile and Jennifer had the following children:

481 M i. **Mitchell Lawerence DRAPER-6641** was born on 20 Jun 2000 in Silverton Oregon.

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-Edmonds 67
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482 F ii. **Audrey Rose DRAPER-6642** was born on 22 May 2002 in Silverton Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

394. **Heather Ann EDMONDS-6582** (Dennis Ray, Lyle Ray, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 22 Jun 1980 in Big Forks Minnesota.

-Edmonds 67

-Edmonds 58

Heather married (MRIN:2253) **David Duane KENDALL-6643** on 17 Jun 2000. David was born on 24 Aug 1973 in Wenatchee Washington.

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David and Heather had the following children:

483 M i. **Nicolas Duane KENDALL-6644** was born on 27 Sep 1997 in Spokane Washington.

-Edmonds 67

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484 M ii. Brenden Jacob KENDALL-6645 was born on 9 Oct 2000.

-Edmonds 67

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396. **Jimmie Leroy EDMONDS-6586** (Jimmie Leroy, Lyle Ray, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 27 Mar 1975 in Portland Oregon.

- -Edmonds 67
- -Edmonds 58

Jimmie married (MRIN:2231) **Rose MCARTHY-6587** on 3 Dec 2002 in Vancouver Washington. Rose was born on 2 Feb 1976 in Portland Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

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Jimmie and Rose had the following children:

i. **Jared Maurice EDMONDS-6588** was born on 9 May 1991 in Salem Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

399. Rachel Raeann EDMONDS-6591 (Richard Lyle, Lyle Ray, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 15 Aug 1978 in Portland
Oregon.
-Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58 -
Rachel married (MRIN:2254) Joseph Matthew JONES-6646 on 10 Jun 2000. Joseph was born on 7 Jun 1971 in Everett Washington.
-Edmonds 67
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Joseph and Rachel had the following children:
 i. Cassidy Raeann JONES-6647 was born on 1 Dec 2000 in Tualiton Oregon. -Edmonds 67 -
487 M ii. Joseph Richard JONES-6648 was born on 19 Dec 2003 in Silverton Oregon. -Edmonds 67
400. Sean Lyle WILSON-6593 (Valerie Arlene EDMONDS, Lyle Ray, Ray Willard, Harrison
Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 15 Nov 1978 in
Silverton Oregon.
-Edmonds 67 -Edmonds 58

Sean married (MRIN:2255) Wendy WHITNEY-6649	on 17 Jun 1999 in Woodburn
Oregon.	

-Edmonds 67

Sean and Wendy had the following children:

488 F i. **Taylor Jasmine WILSON-6650** was born on 17 Feb 2000 in Oregon City Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

406. Amanda Marie CROGHAN-6605 (Jenny Marie BAKER, Ruby Lucille EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 26 Sep 1983.

-Edmonds 67

Amanda married (MRIN:2256) **Tyson Levi DOWNEY-6651** on 29 Apr 2006 in Las Vegas Nevada. Tyson was born on 14 Oct 1975.

-Edmonds 67

Tyson and Amanda had the following children:

489 M i. **Keagan Danger DOWNEY-6652** was born on 22 Oct 2006 in Portland Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

410. Jessica Michelle ROWLES-6607 (Jill Maureen BAKER, Ruby Lucille EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 12 Apr 1976 in Salem Oregon.

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-Edmonds 67
-Edmonds 58
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Jessica married (MRIN:2257) Jeremiah VINCENT-6653.

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-Edmonds 67
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Jeremiah and Jessica had the following children:

490 M i. Anthony Cheyenne VINCENT-6654 was born on 17 May 1996 in Bend Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

491 F ii. **Jasmine Rayne VINCENT-6655** was born on 14 Oct 1998 in Bend Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

421. Lehi Daniel SHULTZ-6625 (Mollie Annettee BEARD, Ellen Marie EDMONDS, Ray Willard, Harrison Roy, Oliver Perry, Oren, Lemuel, Robert, Robert, James) was born on 11 Jun 1984 in Eugene Oregon.

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-Edmonds 67
-Edmonds 58
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Lehi married (MRIN:2258) Mandy Jo MCMILLAN-6656.

-Edmonds 67

Lehi and Mandy had the following children:

492 F i. **Delancy Kae MCMILLAN-SHULTZ-6657** was born on 2 Nov 2003 in Bend Oregon.

-Edmonds 67

<u>Chapter 6</u> <u>Photographs</u>



Figure 10 Back Row L-R: Ruth, Jennie and Mary Ellen Edmonds in front



Figure 11 Mary Ellen Edmonds and Cousins in Kansas



Figure 12 Mary Ellen Edmonds and Arthur Charf on Wedding Day

Figure 13 Mary Ellen Edmonds Charf



Figure 14 Mary Ellen Edmonds Charf and daughter Betty



Figure 15 Mary Ellen Edmonds Charf



Figure 16 Cleone Charf, Mary Ellen Edmonds Charf and Betty.



Figure 17 Cleone Charf



Figure 18 Cleone Charf and father Arthur Charf



Figure 19 Betty and Cleone Charf



Figure 20 Figure 19 Betty and Cleone Charf





Figure 21 Cleone Charf





Figure 22 Cleone Charf

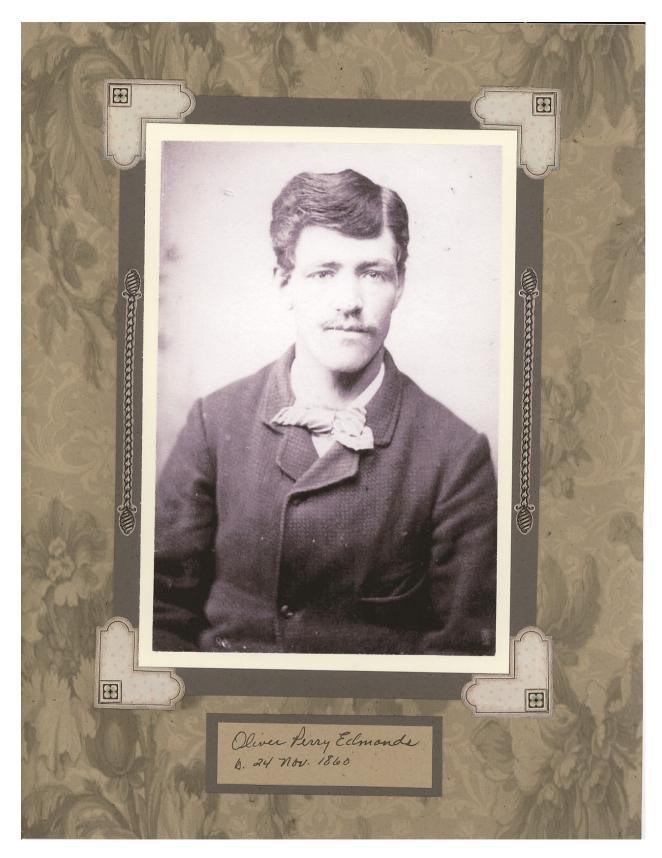


Figure 23 Oliver Perry Edmonds

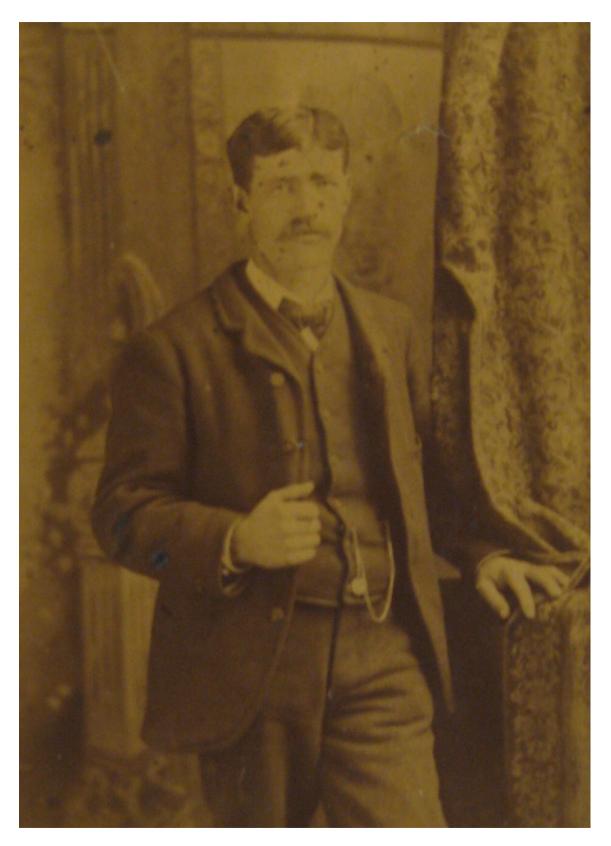


Figure 24 Oliver Perry Edmonds



Figure 25 Nancy Jane Tracy Edmonds wife to Oliver Perry Edmonds



Figure 26 Middle is Nancy Jane Tracy Edmonds and her two sisters: Mary Tracy Taylor and Julia Tracy Olinger



Figure 27 Oliver Perry Edmonds and Nancy Jane Tracy Edmonds



Figure 28 Oliver Perry Edmonds and Nancy Jane Tracy Edmonds

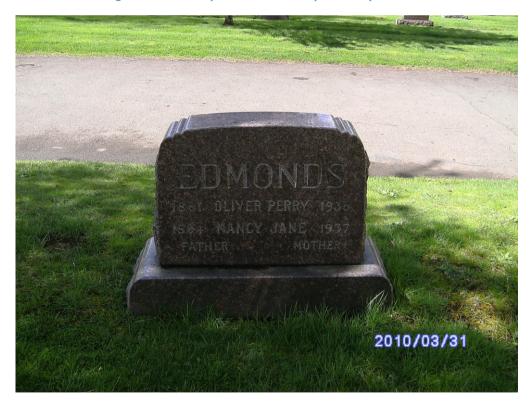


Figure 29 Oliver Perry Edmonds and Nancy Jane Tracy Edmonds Grave



Figure 30 Oren Edmonds and supposedly the child is Oliver Perry Edmonds



Figure 31 Nancy Curren McGregor Edmonds and Lemuel Edmonds



Figure 32 Oren Edmonds and Nancy Curren McGregor Edmonds

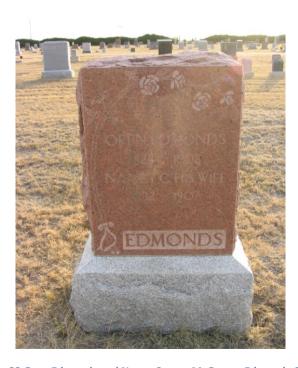


Figure 33 Oren Edmonds and Nancy Curren McGregor Edmonds Grave



Figure 34 Elizabeth Jane Edmonds Ranking Daughter of Oren and Nancy Edmonds



Figure 35 Elizabeth Jane Edmonds Rankin and Children



This picture of Waldo Rankin was taken when he was King of the Biggsville Bicentennial.

He will be honored at an open house at Oak Terrace in Monmouth from 2 to 4 Sunday, September 17, 1978, celebrating his 85th birthday.

Please no gifts; he enjoys

Waldo Rankin Honored

Friends from Stronghurst and Biggsville to join a large group from Oak Terrace and Strom Center to help Waldo Rankin celebrate his 85th birthday.

his 85th birthday.

An impromptu program was led by Mr. and Mrs.

Morin Schaffer, who led the group in singing "Happy |
Birthday" and a few other songs.

Mr. Salmer Linman recited poetry that he had composed, which was very witty.

Mr. Elmer Cooper brought a postcard that Waldo had mailed to him in 1918, when Waldo was in the Infantry.

Mr. Howard Goodman offered a prayer at the con-clusion of the afternoon.

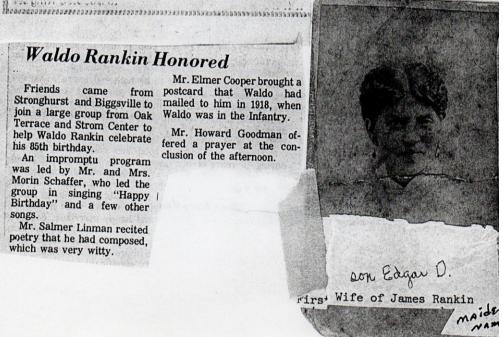


Figure 36 Waldo Ranking son of Elizabeth Jane Edmonds Rankin

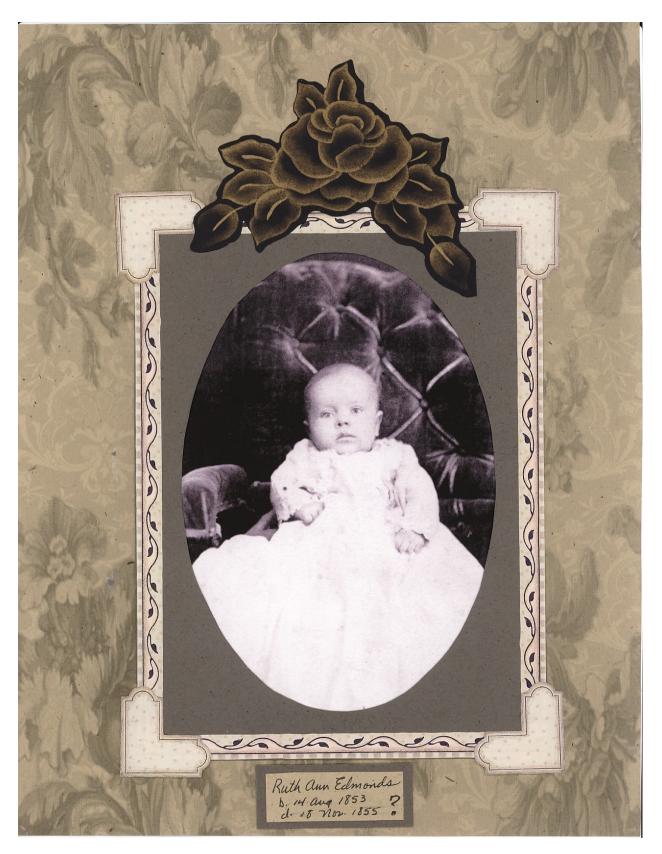


Figure 37 Ruth Edmonds oldest child of Oren and Nancy Edmonds

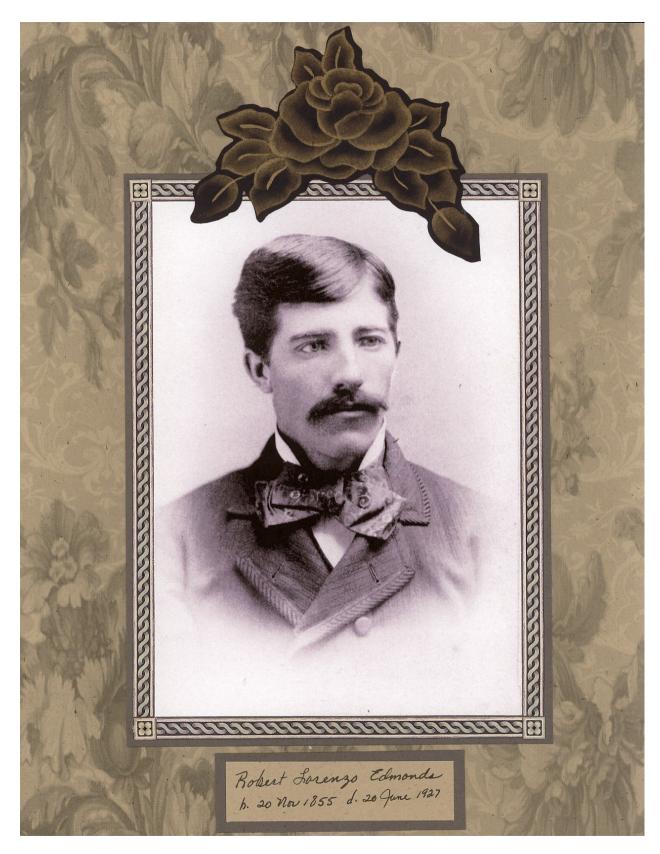


Figure 38 Robert Edmonds son of Oren and Nancy Edmonds

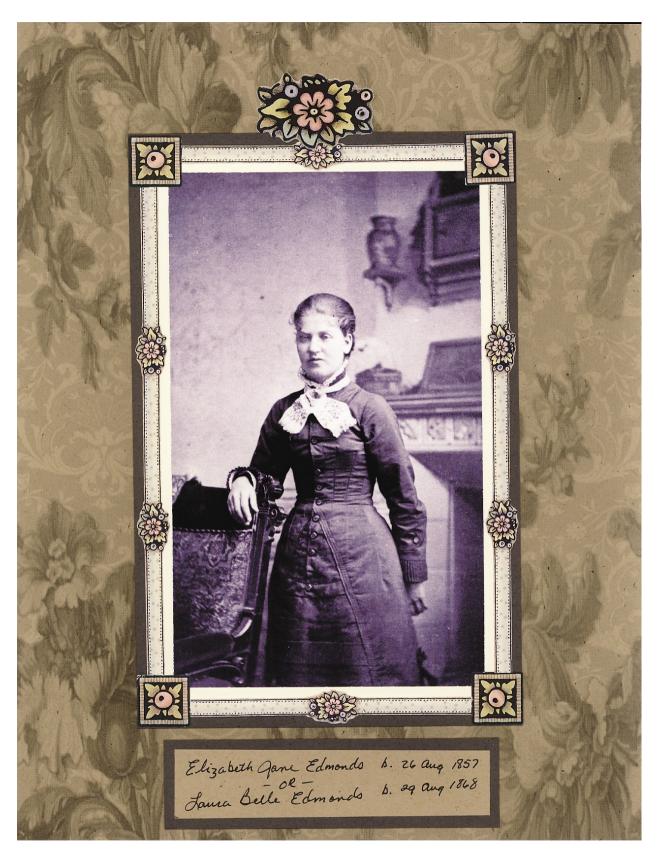


Figure 39 Elizabeth Jane Edmonds Daughter of Oren and Nancy Edmonds



Figure 40 Alzada and Madora Edmonds Twin Daughters of Oren and Nancy Edmonds



Figure 41 Laura Belle and Lemuel Edmonds children of Oren and Nancy Edmonds

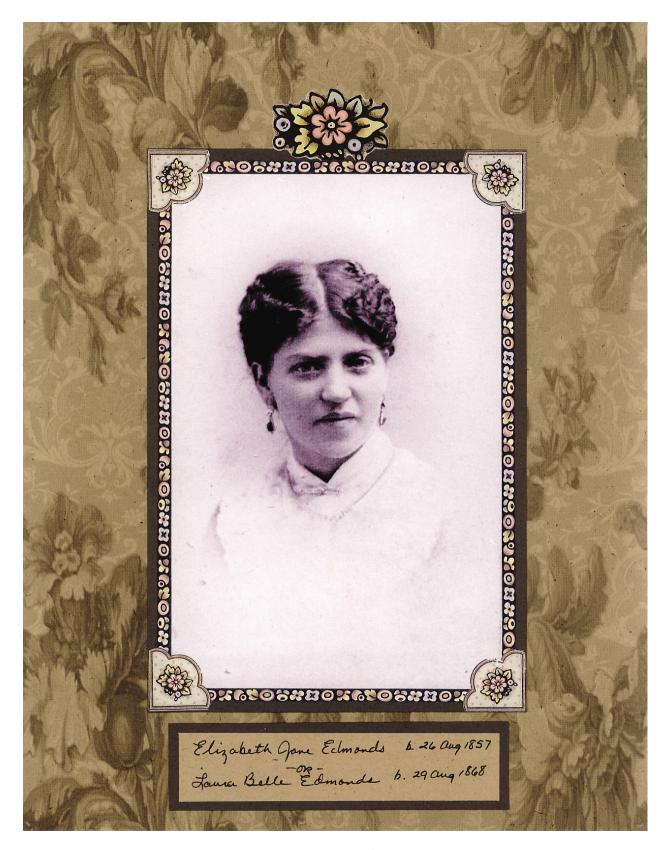


Figure 42 Laura Belle Edmonds daughter of Oren and Nancy Edmonds

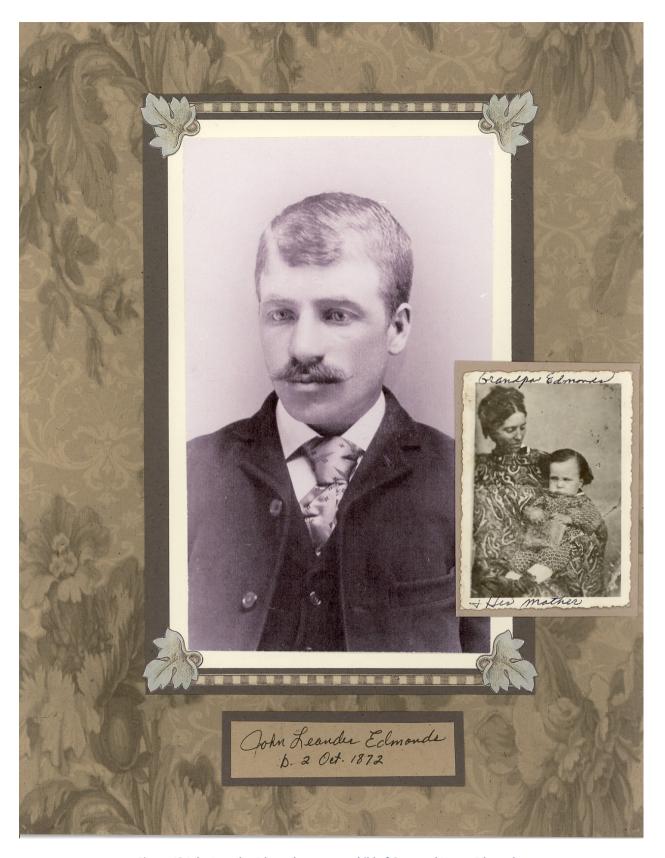


Figure 43 John Leander Edmonds youngest child of Oren and Nancy Edmonds



Figure 44 Alzada Edmonds Smith Family





Figure 45 Alzada and Madora Edmonds Twin children of Oren and Nancy Edmonds



Figure 46 Madora Edmonds Merklin



Figure 47 Alzada Edmonds Smith





Figure 48 John and Nannie top photograph and Nannie and children bottom photograph



Figure 49 Joseph Edmonds son of Oliver Perry Edmonds



Figure 50 Ruth Edmonds daughter of Oliver Perry Edmonds



Figure 51 Fred Edmonds son of Oliver Perry Edmonds



Figure 52 Jennie Edmonds Wolf daughter of Oliver Perry Edmonds



Figure 53 Verne Edmonds son of Oliver Perry Edmonds



Figure 54 Wayne Edmonds son of Oliver Perry Edmonds



Figure 55 Edmonds Family Reunion 1996



Figure 56 Edmonds Family Reunion 2008 Grandchildren of Oliver Perry and Nancy Edmonds

Chapter 7 Sources

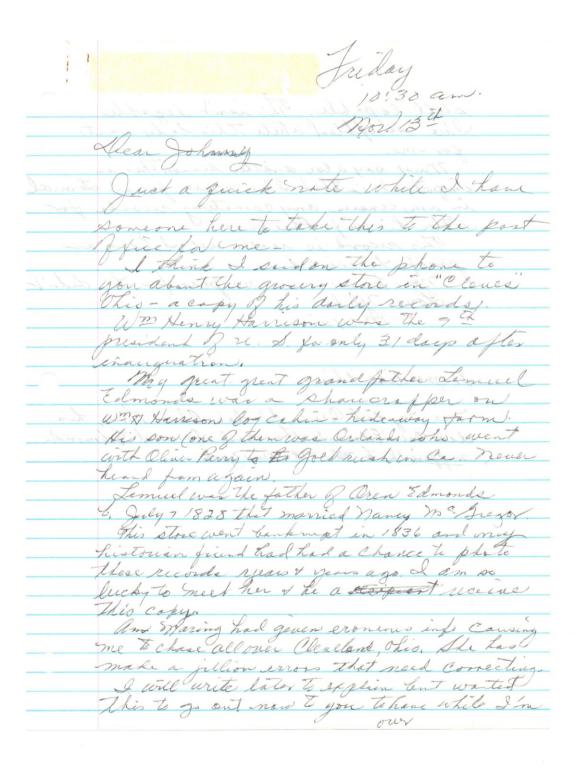


Figure 57 Maxine Edmonds Jewet Papers

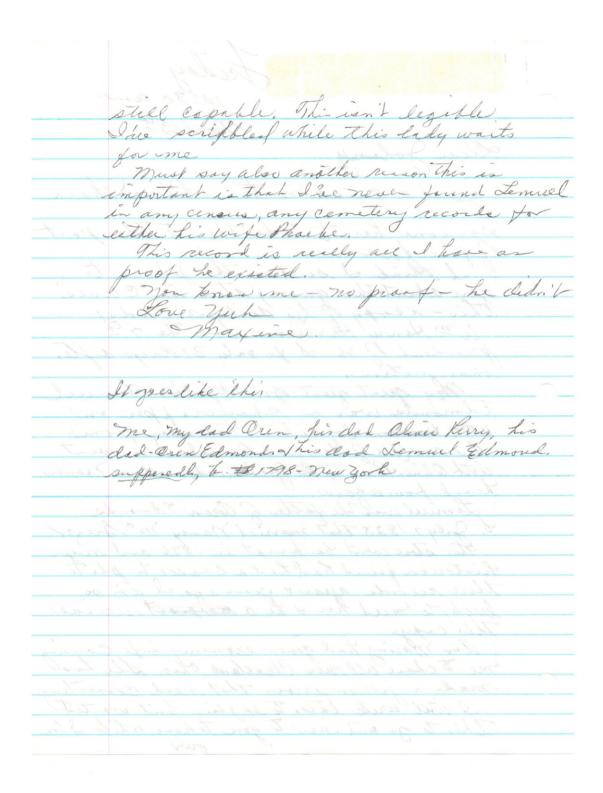


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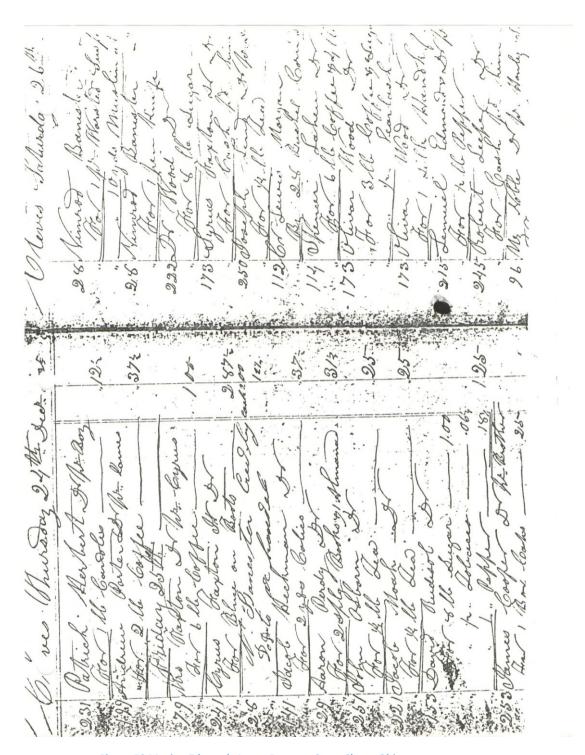


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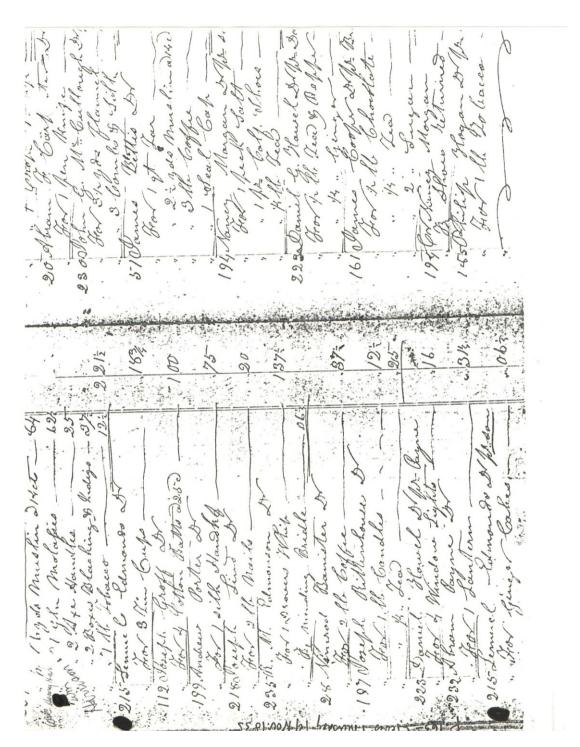


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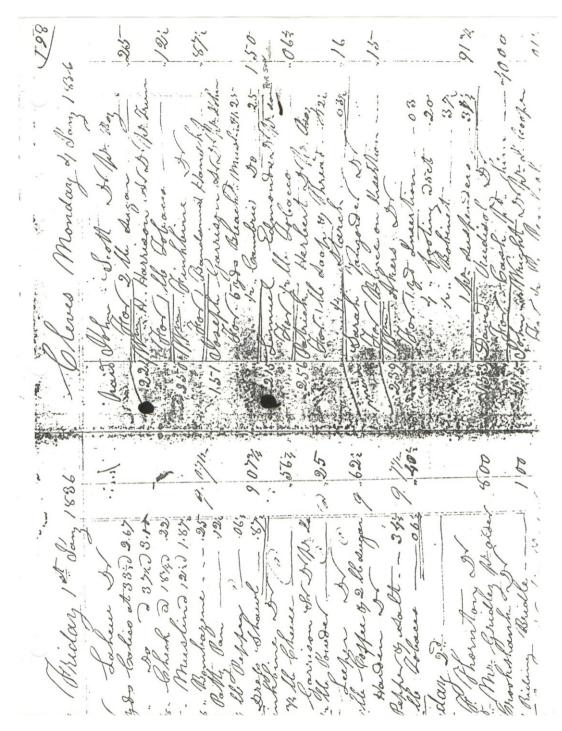


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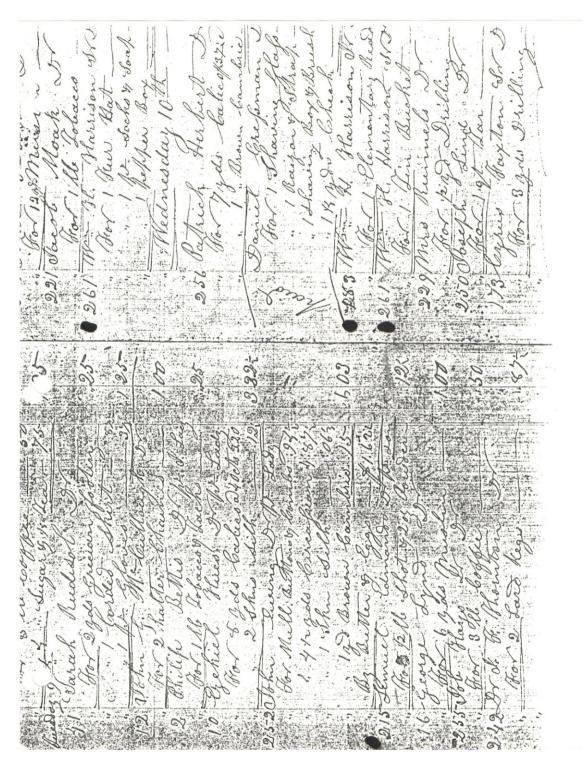


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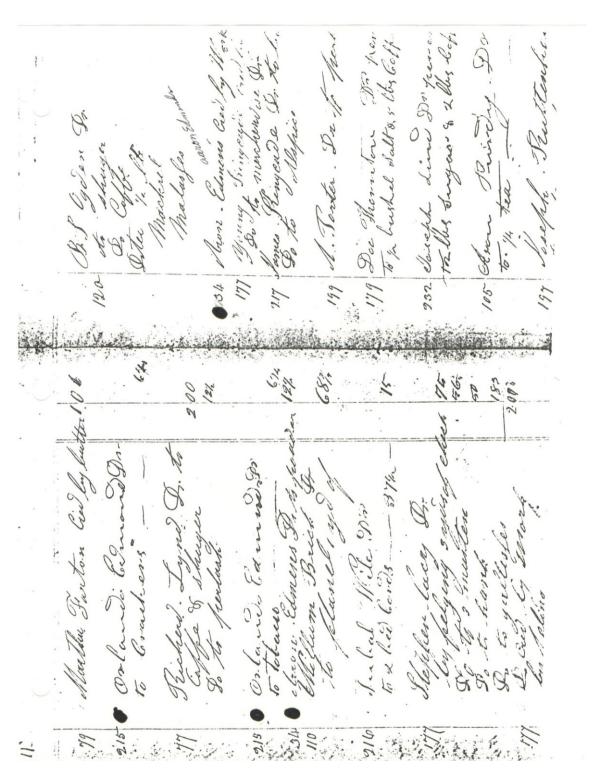


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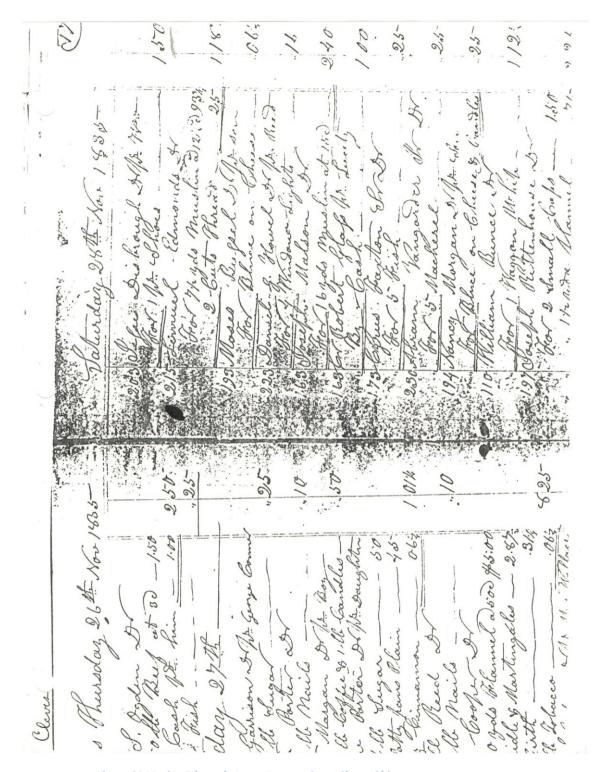


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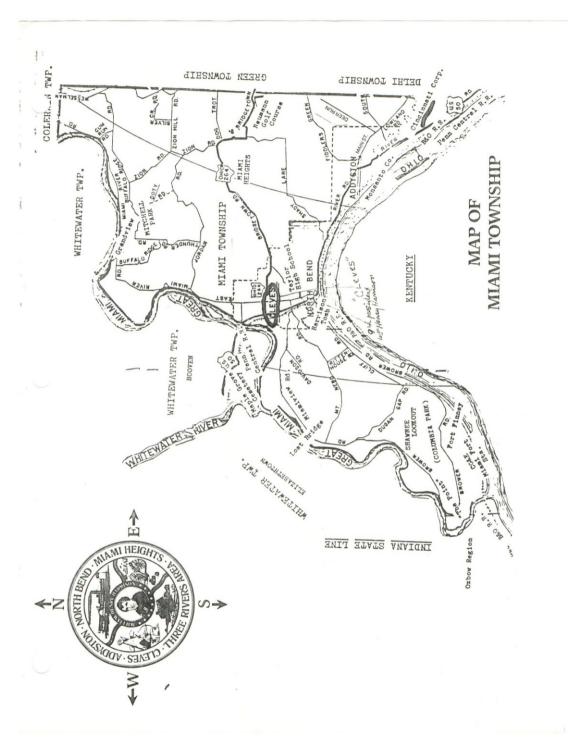


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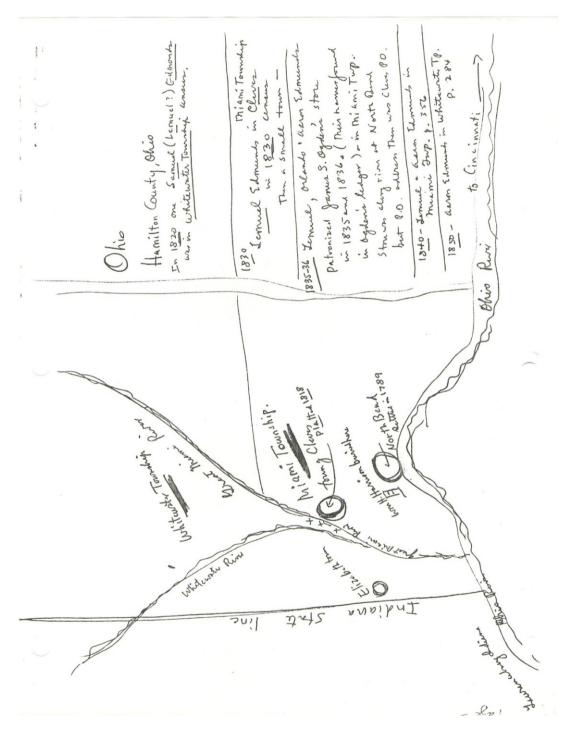


Figure 66 Maxine Edmonds Jewet Papers

JULY 20, 1994

Dear Sandra.

You should know that I value the cook book that you put together. There is perhaps only one or two recipes in the whole book that I could put together with some degree of success, personally. I value the book for several reasons. Like you I hold fond memories of Grandpa and Grandma and I think the family is special. The many Sun dinners that we had when we were kids shall always be warm memories in my mind. I always felt as welcome in their house as you possibly feel. I have told my sons about them but my words could never define them nor describe the genuinely warmth of their person. We were both blessed and cursed to have known them. Blessed because we know when we are in the presence of loving and caring people and cursed because we must live a life time for the most part void of such presence.

When Lyle and I were growing up on the farm we always had chores to do. The milking had to be done along with a string of other things but Dad always like to talk and after the chores were done there were times when we would spend what seemed like at the time a long time in the barn listening to Dad tell about his youth on the Kansas plains. He talked about Grandpa, his Uncles, Aunts, Grandparents, friends and neighbors. I always knew from those stories that I was living in different times and that I would never experience the family experience that he had as a young man. Grandad, his brothers and sisters were off springs of Homesteaders that had settled in that part of Kansas. I never heard or read much on Grandmas family. I know that they were Quakers and spoke, Thee's and Thou's when she was a girl. Dad thought something had happened within the Beason family as his Grandad Beason never spoke of any of them much. Dad always talked about his Grandad and Grandmother Beason with much fondness as he would spend over-nights with them and his Grandpa Beasons style seemed to suit his liking.

I've got some things that I have written up on the family that I think are fairly close to factual. Don't swear to anything that I write though as it could be a shade or two off here and there. It is things that I want to hold on to as I grow into the distance of time as a point of interest and really nothing more. I have these things stored in the computer so I'll send them to you. If my mother doesn't send you some information on the Edmonds family line let me know as she has given me a lot of what they have received from various folks. Mom told me she was going to send some to you. The amount of time, energy, money and love that you have put into the Cook Book tells me that you would find these things to be of interest also.

Your Cousin

Figure 67 Neil Edmonds Papers

During the mid 1880's the family of Oren P. Edmonds moved from Ohio to Kansas and became homesteaders, not far from what today is St. Francis Kansas. Oren and Nancy's oldest son Robert was the first to take out a claim. The rest of the family followed shortly afterward, with the exception of one daughter that remained in Ohio. The children of Oren and Nancy were already grown at this time and Oren was in fact 58 years old when he claimed his homestead.

The family came April 15, 1886 from Gadstone, Illinois on Tuesday arriving at lives Parks Nebraska on Friday. They drove to Robert's claim on the divide in Cheyenne County, Kansas. Oren took his claim on the southside of the Republican River where they lived in a dugout until the sod house could be built. A Great grand-daughter now farms this land, Jack and Anri Maring, my first grade teacher.

Many of the children of Oren and Nancy were to soon be married after arriving in Kansas. It was at this time that Oliver Edmonds was to meet Nancy J. Hutchins. Her and her sisters had came to Kansas also to take claim on homesteads. Nancy's first husband had died from a mule kick and her son had died from sickness, others of her family had died also. The only story that I can remember Granddad Edmonds telling on his parents was how they would go over and visit on a Sunday. He said they would sit around not saying much listening to the clock on the wall tick, until it was time to go home and do the chores. My father always mentioned how his grandfather Edmonds was interested in what was taking place in the area, like show or event. His grandmother on the other hand was a deeply regilious person and carried her Bible to town and visited the sick and needy while there, often being called upon to administer to the sick. Her saying was," do all that is humanly possible and then Pray". Great grandad Oliver was a short stocky man and possessed a lot of energy as his father did before him.

My Dad had an interesting childhood there on the Kansas plains. He spent a lot of time on horse-back traversing the area and much of it was with his Father and Uncles. The stories that I have heard from my youth have always been of great interest to me because I once knew the area, a little. It was interesting to have some of the different place's pointed out, the last couple of times we were back there.

The stories that I write here are from my memory of hearing the story. If the story get's off a bit perhaps it's due to my very poor memory. Their are some in the family that might not have heard some of these that I write and if so I hope that you can enjoy a little glance back when the family of Roy and Lottie Edmonds was young and work was long and hard.

Most of the stories that were told to us was about working with or handling horse's , as in those day's each farmer had several head of them . Horse trading was a common practice and it was after one of Grand-dad's trading sessions that he had

acquired several range ponies that were a bit on the wild side. The regular work horse's were worked down and in need of rest for the following week so Grand-dad elected to hitch up a team of these ponies to the buggy and take the family shopping in town. It took the aid of some of Dad's uncles to do this and they would hold the team while the family would get in the buggy. Grand-dad would take up the whip and head them down the road,on the run. Dad said,"every time one of them would duck or shy a little, he would burn him with the whip and the wheels would fly all the way to town and back. The team would have to be caught up by the men at the stable and held so's they could get out of the buggy and then held when it was time to go home. It made a lasting impression on my father's mind and he wondered aloud, what would happen to a man that would do that do his family, today. Then he would laugh.

One day my Dad and his father were coming home in a buggy, when Grand-dad saw a section of fence that was in need of repair. He pulled the buggy close to the fence and jumped out. Dad said," it looked like his feet never hit the ground, as he landed back in the buggy. He had jumped squarely over a rattle snake. He saw it just as he jumped so he spread his legs and jumped back into the buggy. Sometimes white men can jump.

Another story I remember was about Grand-dad's hound dogs, he had. It seems that these dogs were good at catching coyotes but they didn't quite know what to do with them after they had caught him. There was also a bull dog of some sort, mixed in with the pack. One day the hounds had caught a coyote and had him all stretched out on the ground, so Grand-dad rode up on them on the horse, jumped off and cut the coyotes throat. It was all the instruction that was needed for that pack. The hounds would catch and hold until the bull dog arrived to do the knife work.

I heard these stories at an early age and they would flash through my tender mind like a movie of a screen. There were times when my brother and I would listen to stories like this until quite late, after the milking and other chores were finished.

One time Grand-dad had a saddle horse that he though would make a good roping horse. At the same time he had a young horse that was not yet broke to lead. He done the only thing that was natural. He saddled up the one horse throwed a rope over the young horse's head, tied the rope to the horn and jumped off to watch the show. The young or unbroken horse was enough horse to pull the broke horse to the ground once. Then the broke horse began to get smart and two birds were taken that day with one stone. The broke horse was a roping horse after that and a savvy one. I think it was common in those days to let the older horse's show the younger ones what was acceptable behavior.

People lived fairly far apart out there on the prairie in those days yet they lived and worked closer than we do today. The nature of the next door neighbor was known pretty well by all. Their was a neighbor that had been giving some folks around the area some trouble. He had son's that were pretty well grown. The men in the area had organized a rabbit hunt. This man and his son's had been requested not to attend this hunt. They drove up when the men were all assembled and the father got out of the car with his shot-gun, making threats. The Sheriff happened to be standing real close to his door and he grabbed his gun and broke the stock over a wagon wheel. Then the son came out of the other side of the car with his gun to his shoulder. Three men out of the group started walking straight for this man. One was Grand-dad Edmonds. The

other was his brother, Oren and the third was my Grand-dad, Cooper. They never broke stride as they approached the gun man. Grand-dad Edmonds took the gun for him. He said," he went limp when his hand grabbed the gun". There was no resistance. There was more to that event than I could relate as things had been happening for quite a spell. The ending was good though, as the hatchet was buried at a Church meeting and everyone continued to be neighbors. My Father was quite young and he witnessed the event setting on the back of his saddle horse. He said, " I had a good view from where I was setting and I saw the whole thing take place".

Figure 70 Neil Edmonds Papers

Obituaries

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L.E. Merklin, better known as "Shorty," was born in Cheyenne County on June 1, 1898, to William T. and Medora Elizabeth Edmonds Merklin. He lived most of his life in the St. Francis and Bird City area. He was beptized in the Presbyterian Church in Benkelman, Neb.

He was united in marriage to Myrtle F. Wyant at Fort Morgan, Colo., on September 19, 1927. To this union nine children were born and survive including Nadine Miller of Cambridge, Neb., Leon and wife Darlene of St. Francis, Dale of Apache Junction, Ariz., Charles and wife Barbara of Bird City, William of Kismet, Janice and husband Del Dey of Lawrence, Gary and wife Peggy of Bird City, Marlin and wife Peggy of Liberal and Lenna and husband Fred Studer of Goodland. He is also survived by 43 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchil-

dren.
His wife, parente, three grandsons and two great-granddaughters pre-ceded him in death; also his brothers Robert and Albert and sisters Mabel and Alzada.

Shorty farmed until about 1945 and then was employed by Bob Ackerman, International Harvester, for approximately 12 years. He was Cheyenne County weed supervisor until his retirement. He was president of the State of Kansas Noxious Weed

Department for 4 years.

He enjoyed being outdoors tending his garden and flowers or fishing and camping. Most of all he enjoyed his children and grandchildren.

Myrtle and Shorty celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1987. Shorty saw many changes during his lifetime from the horse and buggy days to the jet airplane and even traveling to the moon.

He died at the Cheyenne County Hospital on August 12, 1991, at the age of 93 years.

Services were held at the United Methodist Church on August 15 with interment in the St. Francis Cemetery. Rev. Larry McCrary officiated.

Pallbearers were grandsons Dennis Merklin, Bradley Merklin, Mark Merklin, Steve Merklin, Ronnie Miller, Gary Bauman and Brian Merklin.

OBITUARY - OBITUARY

Editor's note: The following article was submitted by J. Kyle Meridin who noted that it 'was not an oblituary as is the normal practice, but is a Celebration of the Life of Mabel E. Merklin, born April 14, 1901, and died April 22, 1991."

Mebel Elizabeth Merklin

In the succession of three boys and three girls which were born to William T. Merklin and Madora Edmonds Merklin on the family farm, near the South Fork of the Republican River approximately 20 miles northeast of St. Francis, Kan., and 10 miles southwest of Benkelman, Neb., Mabel Elizabeth was the fifth. There were two still living at the time of her death until August 12 when her beloved brother L. Edmond 'Shorty" Merklin, 93, of St. Francis, died. Now Willa J. Weber of Seal Beach, Call., who will be 92 on September 2 is the only member surviving.

Mabel lived in Cheyenne County, Kan., for 75 years and 8 months with 20 or more years being in St. Francis. In December of 1976 ahe moved to a condominium apartment in Leiture World. Seal Beach, Calif., about 1 block from her sister Williams apartment. She moved to California to be near her son, daughter-in-law, four grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her sister and family.

During her 75-plus years in Kanasa Mabel was very active. She graduated from St. Francis Community High School in 1921 and started teaching school in the fall of that year. She taught in country 'one room' schoolhouses for 25 years, most of which were in Cheyenne County; however she did teach at teast one year each in Rawline and Reno counties.

She moved into the city school, teaching either first or second grades in St. Francis: Elementary for many years until she was 65. She then went to Goodland Elementary for at least 5 more: years teaching the same grades.

During the summers she could relax for only about half of the vacation period until a time-when she could hardly wait to get back to the school children. She was one who believed in teaching the basic three "R"s," and she used flash cards as well as many other tools to reenforce the student's

Mabeliaught is Kansas schools for more than 43 years and, as such, touched thousands of lives directly and indirectly.

She was a graduate of Greeley Colorado Taschera College and held offices in the Business Professional Women and Association of American University Women.

A life-long member of the United Presbyterian Church in Benkelman, Neb., Mabel was a member of the choir for most of the time she lived in Kansas except when she was a child. She would travel to Benkelman every Sunday and on Thursday she attended practice.

Mabel was a very busy person who loved people. She liked to travel and attended the World Fairs at Montreal and Seattle, also she went to the Hawalian Islands, the Holy Land, Germany for the Oberammergau, Passion Play and visited several other European countries.

After moving to Seal Beach, she became a very active member of the Leisure World Community Church where she was a member of the choir until the last couple of menths before her death. She was also a member of the Women's Association and Circle. Beside her church activities she was a member of the 'Sweet and Lowe', Women's Choral, Kansas Club, Republican Women's Club and the Art Guild.

She was able to enjoy her 90th birthday party with most of her family and elster on Sunday, April 14, where her 1-year-old great-granddaughter was the apple of her eye.

It was necessary for her to go to the Los Alemitos Hospital on the following Thursday where shadled April 22. She was buried on a beautiful green. California hillside under the morning shade of an olive tree.

Private graveside caremonies were conducted at the Rose Hills Memorial Park on April 25, attended by her son J. Kyle, daughter-in-law JoAn, grandohildren, Sherryl, Bryan, James F. and Karyn, sister Willa Weber and Beverty Martin her grandniece. On Saturday, April 27, a Celebration of Life service was held at the Leisure World Community Church. The Reverend Richard P. Edgar officiated at both services.

Figure 72 Obituary of Mabel Merklin Daughter of Madora Edmonds Merklin

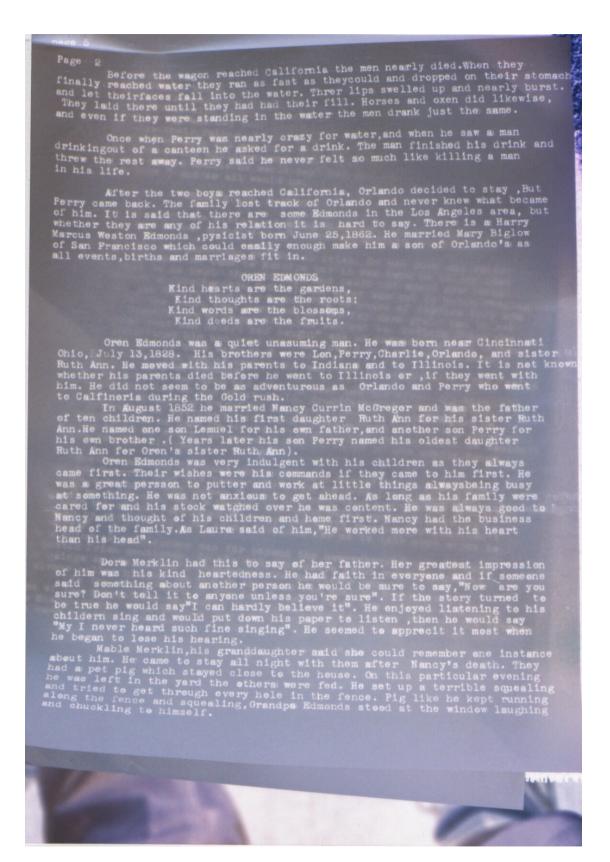


Figure 73 Eva Edmonds Papers

**Kindliness and friendliness and a fine neighbor. He never so little but what he could divide with others. He was also a kind husband and father what he could divide with others. He was also a kind husband and father one was heard to say one day that his children were twice mothered by their mether and also their father. He was a true christian. He was a hardworker and was kind to animals and saw that they had good care. He was always so glad when any of his children came home. When they would get dene talking to the others awhile he would say" New all come and see the improvments I have made , and so all would ge. GRANDFATHER McGREGOR Before we atudy the history of Nancy McGregor, let us take a peek into the past and become acquainted with her GRANDFATHER McGREGOR. This kindly old gentleman was Scotch Irish. He was born and raised near Belfast, Ireland. He came to America but it was hard to become used to American ways so he kept the old ways and could not adopt new ideas. On his son Robert's farm(Nancy's father) the wheat was cut by using reaping hooks. One day son Robert teld his father "We've heard of cradles they are using now to cut the wheat, that are much better for more grain can be cut at one time". Grandfather McGregor told his son not to believe those new fangled. It seems that son Robert had bought" one of the new-fangled things. Grandfather admenished him and said that he "could cut more wheat with the reaper hook and do more with it."

"Ohe, father you can't" argued the son. but the grandfather was "going to show 'em this very afternoon".

And so the old man with his reaping hook and the hired man with the new cradle started on the wheat field. Grandfather McGregor worked hard. It was a het day ,he prespired freely--- but he couldn't keep up. After an afternoon of extremely hard back breaking work of cutting wheat with a reaping hook he came to the house, quietly hung up his hook. He wouldn't give up nor would he admit or say anything in favor of the cradle. Nancy felt serry for the old man. Another amusing incident about the good Scotch Irish grandfather
One day son Robert told his father about the wenderful new invention
called the telephone. "Why father ", said Robert, "they say you can actually
talk into an instrument and a person listening miles away can hear your
voice over the wire!" An-Raber. he replied sadly shaking his head; Don't
be feeled by such thinds. God never intended for us to talk over wires to
each other?".

Such a thing as a telephone was far beyond the comprehension of the good
old Scotch Irish gentleman. In his odd expressive Irish way he deplored
such goings on. He couldn't understand the Americans way.
He always called his son as though the word was spelled R.A.B.E.R.T.

In the story "Lady Of The Lake" there is an explanation concering
some of the characters. According to tijs explanation there was trouble betwe
two Scotch clans. Sir Redrick Dow was the head of the McAlpine Clan.Later
the name McAlpine was changed to McGregor. The crest was the pine tree. Nancy McGregor's grandfather was a Scothchman from the old country and it is thought that there is a connection between the names of McGregor. Nancy McGreger
There are three words that sweetly blend,
That on the hearts are graven,
A precious seething balm they send,
They're Mother, Heme, and Heaven."

Figure 74 Eva Edmonds Papers

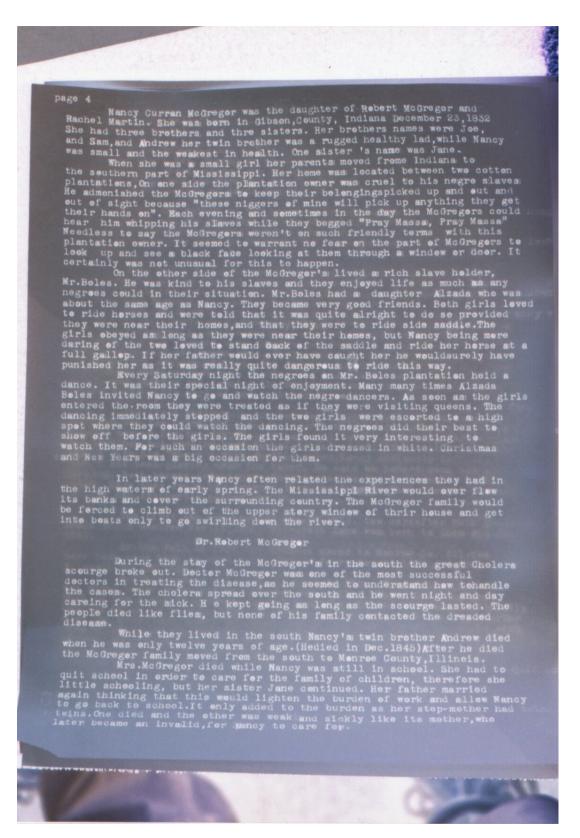


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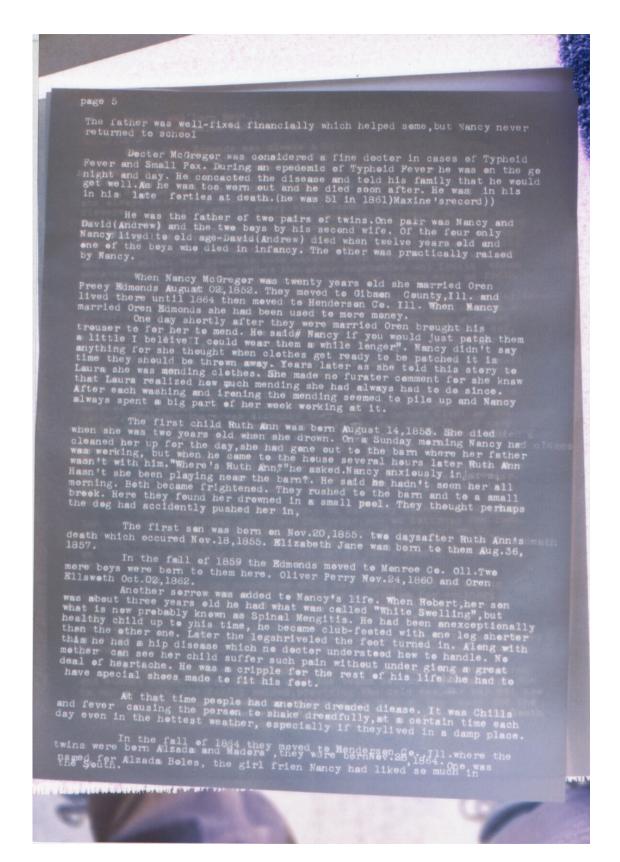


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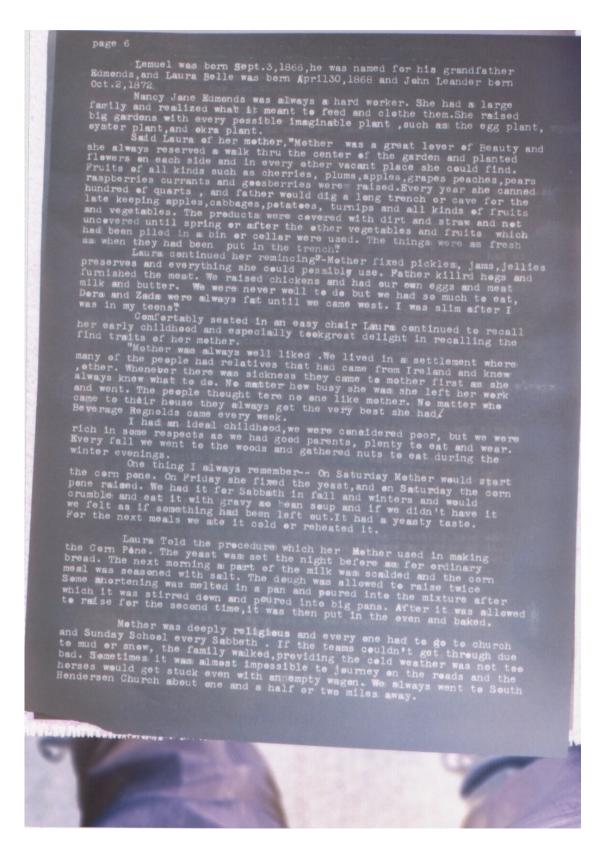


Figure 77 Eva Edmonds Papers

Always en Sunday afterneen fellewing church and dinner, Mether Always had the children all sit around the stove in the kitchen while she read the Bible. The sun shewn in from the west and glistened on the fleer, which was always clean. The stove was always clean and black and the tea kettle would always be en the back of it and there was always a big fire built up. We all understood that there was to be no other reading and that we were not to make any noise. We must sit quietly because we were listening to God's Word. I remember one afternoon, as I was sitting on Mothers knee, I turned around and spied the shinny teakettle, and I played with the handle for a time--then I suddenly sucked the steam of the kettle into my mouth. I screamed and believe you me there was no more Bible reading that Sabbath. Sister Dere related two incidents in connection with the Family Worship, "We were having family worship when Ellsworth went to sleep. We always steed when Mether prayed. Ellsworth weke up and yelled right in the middle of the prayer. Weren't we all so ashamed"?

At another time Perry went to sleep and this time Mether had us kneel while she prayed. During the prayer Perry went to sleep and slept completely through it. He woke up when Mether finished and she said to him Did you forget and go to sleep". Never a word of reproof or anger—only kindness.

Nancy loved to watch the sterms. She loved beauty and grandeur sand shewould stand or lean against the deer amd watch the sterms as they passing over and then would return to her work. She never talked about her emotions. Nancy was rather peculiar as she never showed her feelings but one could semehow understand them. She never complained. One day she remarked Wouldn't it be nice to have a whole set of dishes all alike". She did have a lovely pink willow were set whoch Laura always admired. Pink willow ware cannot be bought now except as antiques. However, stead was.

Of her Mether Dere Merklin gataways a stead was. one small broken piece was found in 1939 wherethe eld Gerthy home stead was.

Of her Mother Dore Merklin said "She was so patient and always believed in her children". Alzada Smith pays this tribute to her Mether, "In the first place she was a kind Mether, such a kind mether and true Christian Mether, teaching her children the true way of life. She never forget the family wership night and merning. And her way of getting so much out of life with se little. Her patience and endurance of poverty without a murmur, but just always thankful for a home. She would watch a come up with lightening flashing back and forth. How she would enjoy it; never seeming to have any fear of it. She was the Mother of ten children and never a servant in the house only at the birth of the children. She did all the work herself. As previously meantiened, Laura had an ideal childhood. good parents. plenty to eat and wear and a comfortable home and a care-Sister Zada had this to say of her sister, "She was a fair fleshy little light haired girl. Every night after supper she would slip back of the steve and lie down and ge to sleep. The two twin sisters just elder than her would have to take her upstairs and put her to bed as she just couldn't be awakened. Laura helped to take care of her brother John by rocking the cradle/

Figure 78 Eva Edmonds Papers

Thursday, June 28, 1956.

PIONEER BENKELMAN WOMAN PASSED AWAY SATURDAY MORNING



Mrs. Laura B. Gorthy

Mrs. Laura B. Gorthy, 88, passed away at the Morehouse hospital carly Saturday morning after a lingering illness. Were held Montay and the many morning after a lingering illness were held Montay many and the many with Rev. J. William Woodworth and the Lauralin Faneral Home in Benkelman, with Rev. J. William Woodworth of the United Presbyterian church conducting the services. Mrs. Dorothy Woodworth was the soloist and Mrs. Jo Anne Rath was the organist. Casket bearers were Dent Gallatin, Roy Davis, J. B. Jackson, Ray Buffington, John Ramsey and Paul Knecht. Burial was in the Benkelman cemetery. Laura Belle Edmonds, the ninth child of Oren and Nancy Edmonds, was born on a farm near Biggsville in Henderson county, Illinois, on April 30, 1868, and departed this life at Benkelman, Nebraska, on June 23, 1956, at the age of 88 years, 1 month and 23 days.

The passing of this pioneer gentle lady marks the end of an era in the history of her beloved home land, an era which began in the spring of 1886 when Mrs. Gorthy ame sand Laura celebrated their family model to the south provided the seal than brought long strings of immigrant cars bearing the belongings of the provided the mother drew them close and coverations of the public of the south provided the seal than brought long strings of immigrant cars bearing the belongings of hopeful homesteaders. God had blessed Mrs. Gorthy with a keen mind and perfect memory which served the runtil the end, and she wholeheartedly put her talents into the building of an empire through the education of its children. School books were a scoree commodity and money with which to buy them was non-existent. But the pupils of this gracious lady were instructed in the arts and sciences in a thorough all her life in the person of James Gorthy, and the could return the provided them with her manile, and the rest day same strange douds of war and hate and evil, Look up. Lift your eyes to the limit of the pupils of this gracious lady were instructed in the arts and the provided the pupils of thi

bride. During the years of their residence there, Mrs. Gorthy became the mother of six children, three boys and three girls. The Gorthy home was a place of happiness and light, and one wherein an honeat and practical religion was the way of life. Church services were held in the home until the settlers could build a church wherein in to give thanks.

The lives of truly good people are always a model for those of us who remain—they by their living have fitting and the easier. It is both fitting and the easier. It is both fitting and the way was hard. But the end will be better than the beginning."

The young mother set her foot on the path of life, "Is the way long?" she asked.
And the Guide said: "Es, and the way is hard. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children and gathered flowers for them along the way; and the sun shome on them, and life was good, and the young mother said, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this children and gathered flowers for them along the way; and the sun shome on them, and life was good, and the young mother said, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this prought the sod, subduing a wild country, raising their family, enduring drouth, ling will ever be lovelier than this prought it was the proved itself to be right and their farm home became an outstanding example of what good husbandry could accomplish. In 1898 when lames and Laura Gorthy's employer asked him to stay on in the city, but the challenge of the plains brought him back to fight on. When the good years returned, the Gorthy's foresight in selecting a place to live proved itself to be right and their farm home became an outstanding example of what good husbandry could accomplish. In 1898 when lames and Laura Gorthy sem glow has a country to make the challenge of the plains brought him back to fight on the him to stay on in Of uring a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean lo us . Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of worth and 1939

Figure 79 Obituary of Laura Belle Edmonds Gorthy Daughter of Oren and Nancy Edmonds

The News-Chronicle.

Benkelman, Dundy County, Nebraska, February 1, 1907.

or of the Jewell, (Kansas.) a says: "We would like to ensas county settled entireorder people, and see what ppen. The stores would long as they could and away. Banks would close The newspapers would hotels would go out of etc. Well let us consider. people don't act as though much sense, but they would in a county like that. They ry ones who expect the most The editor ends the item sentence: "Who would so located that he couldn't me sort of a town? A sane do't take such land at half a friend to your home it will be a friend to you," ket store this week changed eorge T. Israel succeeding is in the management and of the same. Mr. Dobbs where he will be associated brother Harry in the barber ctionery business. Earl and able wife have lived in Benkmany years and their infleaving will be learned of et by many friends. Mr. he new proprietor of the are, proposes to make conimprovement in the same fition a much more general lete stock. He will give nal attention to the busi-

Wolfe and F. R. Walker will in the organization of a stock for the purpose of conveynic light power from Wauis to Benkelman by means d wire. Their reason in withe project is that they about one year's experience gasoline systems of illumiand believe that the new rould be a great improvestle from a standpoint of and expense.

pderstand that Mrs. N. G. the second story of the uilding. Mrs. Latham is er photographer in Renkelhas so well established hermart that her patronage has Eil larger quarters are necesi der to handle the increased

taler has bought the photo-

News-Chronicle job printing pleases. M. H. Bomberger came in from worth. Omaha, Wednesday.

Don J. Elwell, has filed on a Kinkaid homestead near Haigler.

C. C. Hamilton, of Stratton, was in town the first of the week.

The light fall of snow the first of the week put the skaters out of commission.

George Pringle and mother are expected to return from Pennsylvania the guest of the Ellison family this this week.

Bert Ostrom, the Max elevator man, was a Benkelman visitor last Wednesday.

Everybody would like to be hog raisers now. And you can't blame 'em much.

II. P. Runnion returned from a business trip in the eastern part of the state Wednesday.

Don't overlook what our advertisers have to tell you. They can and will save you money.

J. W. Clyde and E. H. Caster, from Parks precinct, were in town on business matters Wednesday.

Joe Powell, farmer and stock breeder, of Max precinct, sold a car of cattle and a car of hogs Tuesday.

Mrs. J. A McDonald has been a la grippe sufferer part of the week but is now on the road to recovery.

C. P. Thompson, the sage of Indian Creek precinct, was mingling in Benkelman's business circles, Wednesday.

G. A. Buchanan and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hamilton at Stratton the forepart of the week.

Mrs. N. W. Main is dangerously sick at this time, and the physician in charge considers her recovery very doubtful.

Philip Marshall was among Nebraska's lumbermen who attended the lumbermen's convention at Lincoln last week.

Miss Georgie Philips will leave toderstand that Mrs. N. G. night for Concordia, Kansas, where tion. vent.

Jerry Walsh and John Richards sold a car of fat cattle to a Strong Gammon ordered a large line of nov-City, Kansas, buyer the first of the eligogoods and will open a racket week.

Tommie Hardwick and his newly wed bride left Tuesday for Sheridan, Wyoming, where we are told they expect to locate.

stablishment of Miller and C. E. Bruen arrived from Denver charge in a few days. Mr. yesterday and went out in the north

. Fame usually costs more than it is

E.W. Reed went up home yesterday to spend a few days.

Some men are born leaders and most women are born drivers.

A pauper gets more real enjoyment out of life than a miser does.

A wife at home may be worse than a breach of promise suit in court. Mrs. Freeman Udder, of McCook, is

week. Helen Moore, of Haigler, visited

with her sister, Miss Ethel Moore, of this city, Wednesday. J. M. McAleese contemplates locat-

ing in Porto Rico instead of California, us we stated last week. W. B. Wolfe and P. B. Walker

north section of the county, this week.

and family are arranging to leave in Still nave. In April, 1904, they moved the near future to locate in Alaska. perhaps better known as "the land of the yellow metal."

Druliner Bros, this week sold onehalf section of land south of the Baney farm, in Union precinct, to an Alma, Nebraska, man for \$20 per acre. This land is unimproved.

Paul Jones, secretary of the Dundy County Abstract Co., went down to Lincoln Monday night to attend the annual convention of Nebraska abstracters and real estate dealers.

Friends of Misses Amy and Sadie Dyson will be pleased to learn that they have sold their interests in Los Angeles, California, and expect to return and make this their home again. after about the 15th of next month.

Claude Edwards traded his hotel property at Juniata, Nebraska, for a livery stable in Southern Missouri, last week. Claude does not expect to enne Co., Kan.; Mrs. Laura Gorthe move to Missouri, however, but made and John L. Edmonds, also of Cher this deal along the lines of specula-

B. Gammon and wife returned yesterday from Lincoln after a month's visit with relatives. While away Mr. store in the Starkey building as soon as the same is completed.

We are told that H. P. Hamilton has rented the H. D. Robinson farm. north of town, and will return soon to take charge of the same. Fred Frenchmeyer, who has had this farm spects to leave in a short part of the county to look over his leased duriby the past year, has i.

Obituary of Mrs. Oren Edmonds. (Contributed.)

Nancy Curran McGregor was the daughter of Robert and Rachael Mc-Gregor. She was boro in Gibson Co., Indiana, December 23, 1832. Her parents removed from Glbson county to the southern part of Mississippi and from there to Monroe county, Illinois, where on the 2d of August, 1852, she was married to Oren Edmonds. They then moved back to Gibson county, Indiana. In the fall of 1859 they again moved to Monroe county, Illinois, living there till the fall of 1864, moving from there to Henderson Co., Itl., where they made their home for over twenty-one years. In the spring of 1886 they moved to Cheyenne county, Kansas, where they lived for eighteen years, during which bought a quarter section of land in time they underwent many hardships the Brien pasture, in the extreme caused by the drouths and famines which were prevalent over our western country, in order that they might Rumor has it that D. J. Edwards have a home of their own, which they to Benkelman, where they have lived ever since.

Mrs. Edmonds died Jan. 16, 1907 after an illness of about a month.

She was converted and became Christian when custe young, and has always been a consistent Christian striving to do the Master's will when ever she was, always faithful in the home of her companion and children and when duty called her into othe homes was always ready to do he part., To Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds wen born ten children. Ruth Ann dies when two years old: Oren Ellsworth died in Denver, Colo.; Lemuel dies in Cheyenne Co., Kansas. Thos still surviving are: Robert L., wh is still in the home; Mrs. Elizabet Rankin, of Biggsville, Ill.; O. P. Ed monds, of St. Francis, Kan.; Mrs Zada Smith, of Prettie Prairie, Kan. Mrs. Dora Merklin, who lives in Chey enne Co., Kan. She is also survive by her husband; one brother, Joseph McGregor, of East St. Louis, Ill.: or sister, Mrs. H. J. Williams. of Glad stone. III.

Those who mourn her deat mourn not as those who have no hope for we have the blessed assurance that she was ready to go when th Lord called her.

Blessed are they that die trustie in the Lord.

Sunday School Convention.

The committee met at the home

Thursday, October 24, 1985

Paul Gorthy Senior Family history

Paul Gorthy Sr. was born May 3, 1820 on the family homestead SWW of 11-3-28, in model Oakhand roadster car.

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Figure 81 Obituary of Paul Gorthy Sr.

DEATH OF PAUL CORTHY

Paul Gorthy, son of James and Laura Gorthy, was born in Chey-enne county, Kansas, on May 3, 1893-and passed into the Eternal Kingdom on August 3, 1940, at St. Francis, Kansas, at the age of 47 years, 2 months.

months.

His childhood was spent in Cheyenne county and he grew to manhood on the farm where he was living at the time of his death.

On June 18, 1919, he was united in marriage to Miss Vera Holliman at Craig, Colorado. To this union was born a daughter, Anna Daurene and a son Paul Valden.

Paul was baptized in the United Presbyterian church at Benkelman when an infant. Later in life he be-

Presbyterian church at Benkelman when an infant. Later in life he became a member of the South Fork Methodist Church where he and his family bave been constant and diligent workers for both the betterment of the church and of the community. He passed through the successive degrees of Masonry, and was elevated to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in the St. Francis Lodge number 404 of Ancient. of a Master Mason in the St. Fran-cis Lodge number 404 of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, Febru-ary 11, at St. Francis, Kansas. Through his interest and love of the order and its ideals, he worked constantly, and in 1938 was reward-ad by election to the post of Wor-shipful Master. The ideals of Masonbecame his own, and it was in this work that his soul found its

this work that his soul found its greatest expression.

In 1914 his parents moved to Benkelman and Paul assumed the management of their large ranching interests in Cheyenne county. Since that time he has operated these holdings extensively and successfully. He was interested in modern farming methods, studied them closely, conducted experiments and became well known for his success in came well known for his success in wheat culture and other agricultural activities.

During the past ten years the A. C. A. committee has rated his average wheat, yield as the highest in that township.

He had commenced harvesting his 1940 wheat crop about the 15th of lune and had been continued by the second of the continued o

1940 wheat crop about the 15th of June, and had been continuously engaged in that work until Friday evening, when he became ill. Neither he nor those who were with him realized the seriousness of the illness. Saturday evening he was taken to the hospital at St. Francis where his condition became suddenly wares and about 10.80 that night. worse, and about 10:30 that night God mercifully called him to his

eternal reward.

Paul leaves to mourn his passing Paul leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Vera, his daughter, Anna Daurene, and his son, Paul Valden; his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Gorthy; his brother and associate, Walter Gorthy, three sisters, Miss Anne of Benkelman, Mrs. Hazel Smith of Pasadena, California, and a host of friends. To his family he leaves the memory of a fond and indulgent husband and father. To his parents, that of a dutiful son. To his brothers and sisters, that of his sympathy and comradeship. To his church that of a devout and willing servant. To his brothers in Masonry, an example of reverent diligence and obedience to the teachings of the order. To his friends and associates the memory of a kind neighbor and a good man.

The remains were brought to Ben-The remains were brought to Benkelman where funeral services were
held in the Methodist church, Wednesday afternoon in charge of Rev.
B. W. Thomas of St. Francis, Kansas, assisted by Rev. J. C. Foster of
Benkelman. Burial services were conducted by the members of his own
Masonic Lodge of St. Francis, Kan-



Twilight of From the day she s you". . . Those many She has always been my . And I've always be Yes, she's always bee . . . And I've always b . Gave my love to ing . . And she's had . No regrets were ever our lives serencly spe years were born and no a cradle of content.

We have lived to he . Lived and loved an played . . Had our sor troubles. . . But togeth prayed.

Now her hair is stre ver . . While her smile in gold. . . But to me maiden . . . Who was hold.

All the dreams we ha . . Ones that started 'Cause she's always be heart . . And I've alw beau.



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Figure 82 Obituary of Paul Gorthy Sr.



Mrs. Mildred Smith

Dies In Pasadena

She reigns, a lovely queen. You may obtain them by ad

Mrs. Mildred Smith, former Benkelman resident, passed away at Pasadena, California away at Pasadena, Cantonna early Monday morning. She was a sister of Mrs. Hazel Sutton and Mrs. Anna Benge of Benkelman and Walter

of Benkelman and Walter Gorthy of Bird City. She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Vera Gorthy of Benkelman. Mrs. Smith will be remem-bered as a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Gorthy. She was reared in the South Fork community before her parents moved to Benkelman where she attended high school and qualified as a teacher, later teaching in Max teacher, later teaching in Max and the Boswell district. She also clerked in the McDermott store before her marriage to Bert Smith. They resided at Fort Morgan, Colorado a short time before moving to Pasadena, California. She was an arthusiastic worker in the an enthusiastic worker in the Pasadena Community Church of which she was a member.

She is survived by her sons and their families, Douglas Smith, 2511 North Second Street, Arcadia, California 91006 and Glen Elton Smith, 3928 Elmo Road, Pasadena 91f01. Funeral arrangements are pending. Jaw 1975 THE ST. FRANCIS HERALD

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HAZEL AVA (GORTHY) SUTTON.

Hazel Ava Sutton died Feb. 8 at 88 in Weld County Hospital, Greeley, Colo. She was the eldest daughter of James and Laura Belle (Edmonds) Gorthy, born August 20, 1890 in Cheyenne County.

James Gorthy and the Edmonds were 1885 pioneers of South Fork community. Hazel obtained her normal degree in St. Francis and Colby and taught school in the Greenridge, White Lily and South Fork in Cheyenne county. Cheyenne county.

Cheyenne county,
While teaching at Parks, Neb., she met
Everette Sutton, a railroad agent, and they
were married in the home of her parents in
Benkelman July 26, 1916. Their family
consisted of Eldon James, Alyn Dent, Ava
Justine and James. They lived in their
farm at Max until 1944 when they moved to
Benkelman. Benkelman.

Benkelman.

Hazel was general Superintendent of the Benkelman Methodist Sunday School for 10 years, President of the Woman's Christian Service for two years and assistant pianist and organist for many years. She served on the County Farm Bureau Board for 12 years, and organized the Max Extension Club, was county chairman of Extension Clubs for two years and 4-H leader for eight years. For many years was superintendent of the Home Economics department of the Dundy County Fair. She belonged to the Max and Benkelman Woman's Club and was district department chairman four years, inter-county president, district president, and on the Scholarship Loan Board six years.

Hazel organized the Benkelman Garden

Club and was first president, going state book chairman, state flower Club and was first president, going on a state book chairman, state flower show and State Memorial Gardens chairman district director, state vice president and president in 1959, published the National Gardens Club 25th anniversary book, and was regional director of the Rocky Mountain Region. After much hard study at various schools she obtained her life certificate as a nationally accredited judge and then her masters certificate as a nationally accredited judge. Hazel belonged to the Judges Council of Southwest Nebraska and northwest Kansas.

Preceding her death were her parents, Laura Bell and James Gorthy, three brothers: Harold, Paul and Walter; sister Mildred; two sons: Eldon James and Alyn

brothers: Harold, Paul and Walter; sister Mildred; two sons: Eldon James and Alyn Dent. Survivors are her husband, Everette; daughter Ava Justine and husband, Dr. Elmer J. Artist of Greeley; son, James Sutton and wife Letha of Denton, Texas. One sister, Anne Benge of Benkelman and sisters-in-law Vera Gorthy and Lillian Gorthy. Nephews Mr. and Mrs. Jack Maring of Cheyenne county; a cousin, Mabel Merklin of Seal Beach, Calif.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Hazel's credo was: Hazel's credo was:

"I may never see the harvest of these seeds I sow today In a little classroom pointing out th

I may never see the beauty of some life grown fine But, oh, Dear God, I thank you for this privilege that is mine."

Gorthy, James: Farmer and stockman; born Fulton County, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1864; son of Peter Gorthy-Marian Reddish; educa-tion Fulton, N. Y.; married

Laura B. Edmonds May 16, 1888, Cheyenne County, Kans.; sons Walter L., Paul, Harold James (deceased); daughters Hazel (Mrs. E. S. Sutton), Mildred (Mrs. Bert Smith), Anna Laura; 1885-1914 farmed in Cheyenne County, Kans.; 1914—, overseer of real estate holdings; past member school board district 14 Cheyenne County, Kans.; past member town board 3 terms Benkelman; past member school board; Presbyterian Church; hobby, raising livestock; residence, Benkelman.

Figure 83 Obituary of Hazel Gorthy Sutton and Mildred Gorthy Smith

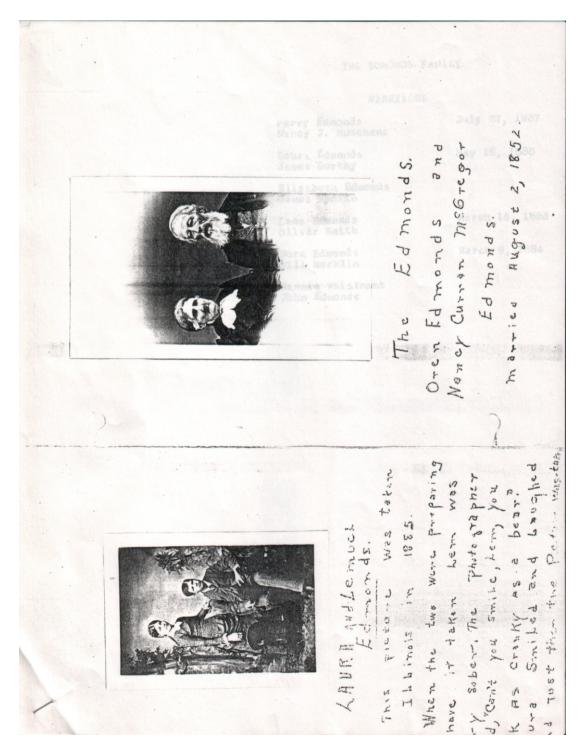


Figure 84 Justine Artist Papers

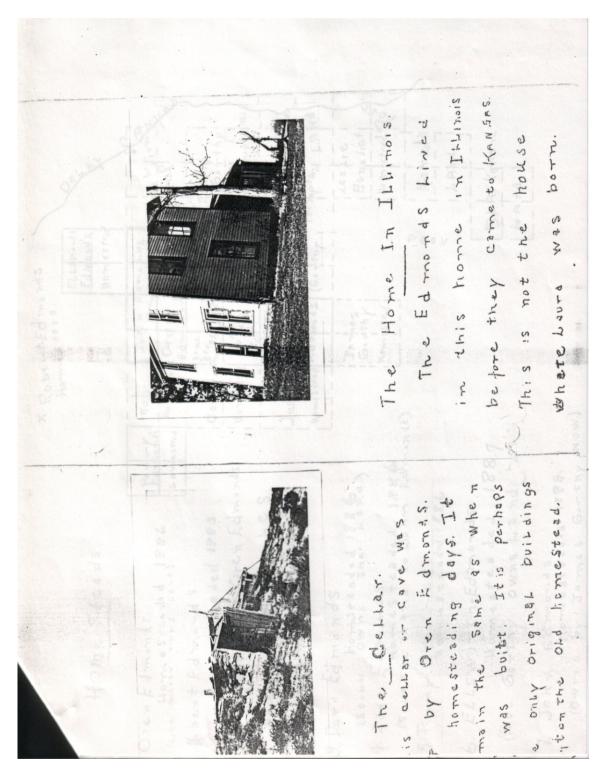


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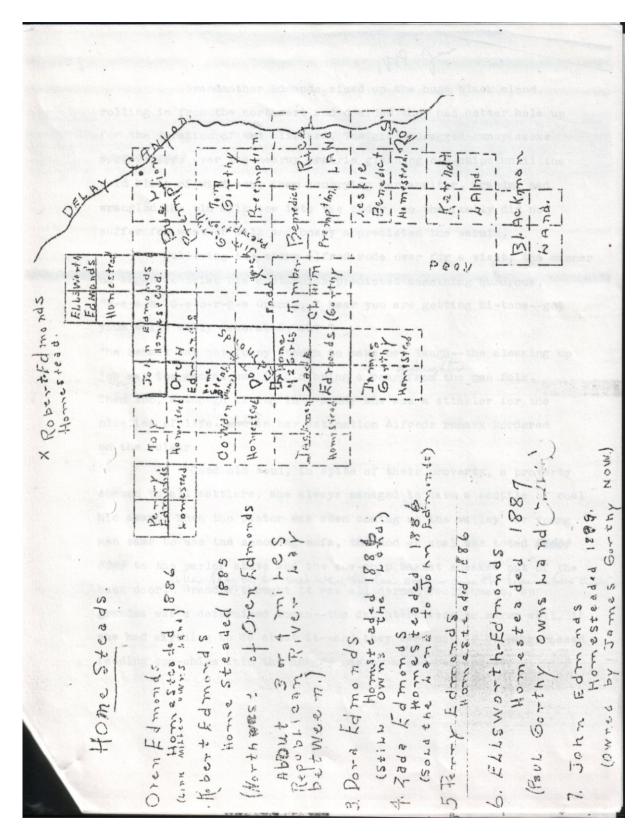


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These stories are from an unknown author. I believe them to be notes taken by Anna Gorthy Benge while interviewing her Mother Laura Belle Edmonds Gorthy or possibly her working notes for her many articles. They give an account of early Kansas Prairie life.

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Following the storm Alfred rode over for a visit, the manner he began to twist his mustachios predicted something humorous.

"B-a-a-h G-e-o-r-g-e Granny, I hear you are getting hi-tone--got your walls newly decorated, eh?"

The remark was not funny enough to make her laugh--the cleaning up job was too recent but it did bring a roar from the men folk.

Then too, although living in a soddy she was a stickler for the niceties of life. and in her estimation Alfreds remark bordered on the vulgar.

Good old soul, in spite of their proverty, a proverty common to all settlers, she always managed to have a scuttle of coal hid away. When the pastor was seen coming up the valley or young men came to use the spooning sofa, the hod of coal was toted *****

***** to the parlor stove and the cow-chip basket sneaked out of the back door. Grandpa thought it was all derned foolishment, but grandma was a determined woman—the daughters were to marry well, if she had allything to do about it—and they were not to be embarrassed feeding cow-chips into the hungry may of a pot-bellied stove.

Granny carried another secret sorrow—a deep sense of humiliations which she felt would never be decently covered except with her own burial—perhaps the skeleton rattled the louder because her own mind was so clean and orderly—and everytime it did rattle, a blush of shame suffused her worried face.

It was the time when Robert had a tummy—ache and chills. She sent an assisting neighbor woman out to gather some sage leaves which would be used to brew sage—tea. "But be sure to go plenty far from the house, the dogs hist their legs on all nearby bushes."

What an awful remark for a good Presbyterian to utter! In spite of the heat arising from the cookstove she turned several shades deeper red.

Years later when the Forks got city ideas and began to moderenize, the country Circle was invited to the parsonage for a days "sewing bee"--eating and gossip.

In due time Granny began to cast anxious glances out back and later

she stepped outside to see if the object of her anxiety might be hidden behind the lilacs--it wasn't. There followed a whispered conference with her hostess. "But dear Mrs. Rose", she stubbornly remonstrated, "IT just does NOT seem right to do IT in the house."

The Schoolmarm

Worry wrinkles galloped across Jim's brow as he stirred a cup of black coffee. As a rule it didn't take long to corral an idea and cut back the sagers. But this was different -- it was amile ponderous and of great import. Jim was doing his level best to saddle an excuse to visit neighbor Holliman who lived some seven miles up the South Fork. Ordinarily an excuse was not necessary. Jim just dropped in. Treatie was the new achool marm! Mrs Holliman was a congenial old soul with a flare for good cooking and a motherly complex which brooded the entire neighborhood. Sooner or later every bachelor within riding distance came to visit and strange as it may seem, managed to arrive at meal time -and were welcome. She managed to have a supply of nick-nacks in the cookie jar and a full coffee pot simmering at the back of the stove. God knows how they ever managed to feed the "boys" -times being hard and money almost unknown. Butter was worth five cents a pound in trade, eggs might bring a nickle a dozen, hogs were three cents a pound on the hoof and squealing, wages #### at two-bits a day; however, no one was hired so what the difference whether two-bits, four-bits, or a million, it all figured the same.

Jim poured the second cup and along with it there budded an idea. By Colly, I will borrow a harness strap-or a halter---there he had to laugh--borrow a halter when several were hanging in his ow shed.

The Achor Marm

Julia Taylor, was boarding at Hollimans and Every saddle tromper in the valley was having heart trouble. Now wouldn't Holliman take a high ride on the excuse of a halter for the visit? Probably ask Jim right out before the gal if he "wanter her halter-broke or take her as is." Oh Well, one excuse was as good as another and a better one might pop up as he jogged along.---- anyway--might as well admit the truth, he was dern sick of Maryway---

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own cooking---and a little sittin' on the spooning sofa would be a fine way to spend the alternoon.---and so, a desperate man will undertake desperate deads.

With that perplexing problem corralled Jim whistled as he rinsed the coffee cup in the bucket of drinking water and used a flap-jack to wipe the plate clean-then slipped the skillet in the oven so the cat couldnt get the fryings.

With those housewifely duties shelved, he proceeded to grease his boots, dust off his Stetson and crawled into a clean shirt and jeans, all set for a pleasant Sunday. YEP! the sun sure was shinin' bright. But just then, a big cloud drifted over. Jim was cinching up his Double Y (bed-bug)broad. pony when Alfred jogged in, all rigged out fit to kill. The silk 'kerchief' around his neck put Jim's red bandanner in the shade; the dern dude! Usually Jim was tickled pink to see his friend-but this was sure one hell of a time for Alfred to go visitin'.---and it wasn't necessary for Alf to announce he had broken his harrow and was headed for Hollimans for repairs (the dern liar, any dam fool could guess why Alfred was all duded up-besides what the devil did he think Holliman was, a hardware store?)

The absurb situation and the phoney excuses struck Jim as being funny, he bagan to laugh, then both laughed uproariously, forked their nags and churmy as a batch of fleas in a bed-roll, trotted off.

A plong and rather crooked canyon led up towards the object of their visit wild it ended suddenly in the barnyard.

Alfred jerked his horse to an abrupt halt and exclaimed, -- "Bah

G-e-o-r-g-e Jim! Look At WHAT I SEE!"

All winter Jim suffered untold agonies with sciatic rheumatism but each day, in spite of a crippled leg, he walked the twelve miles to Bird, driving the team with a load of wheat. Nights, he walked the floor in pain and kept Laura busy heating a boiler of water and applying hot packs to his hip.

They had anneighbor, Ab Jackson, who was none too bright but when it came to handling horses he couldn't be beat, and as a horse doctor, he was tops. One night Jim could stand the pain no longer and sent for Ab and demanded something to bring him relief. Ab thought it over for a while and then said, "Wal, I dunno, Jim...ef you was a horse I'd know what to give you. I'd give you a good dose of laudanum."

The pain was so great that Jim was in no mood to argue so he told Ab to go ahead and mix 'er up. Laura watched them uneasily, protesting that a dose which was right for a horse might be too much for a man but the men waved her away impatiently and went on with their mixing. When they thought it was about the right strength, Jim took it.

Thirty-six hours later Laura was still trying to wake Jim up and was frantic with worry. She was about to send one of the youngsters for the doctor when Jim came to apparently none the worse for his experience.

Later, he told the doctor about the treatment and how well it had worked. "My God, Jim!" the doctor remarked," If you took that much laudanum, you're just plain lucky to be alive! Malf of that dose would kill almost any man. Maybe that's why you survived...it was the over dose that saved your life!"

But the funny thing about it was that the rheumatism went away and never did return. It apparently was a case of 'kill or cure'.

Hard Times - Princes When 'Hard Times' became so hard only a few nickles rattled on the rusted out pie-tin collection plate and the dropping of a quarter sounded like ice booming on the lake winter mornings, the pastor would load his family into the democrat and pull out for a week of rayers and encouragement with his flock, often taking a poke of dirty clothes along for the good sisters to do menance over but mostly because their cupboard was bare and the cellar of pumpkins taken in lieu of cash, made the pastor turn yallar thinking of them, just like yellow jauntice. Visiting was not only a pleasant way to erase the wrinkles in that their tummys but the preacher decided it was a matter of self preservation and an economic adjusted wint Most of the good people believed religiously that good-deeds gegan in the home, fact is, it had been so preached and by that pre cept , good deeds stayed there ... and if anything left over, the spiritual aspect of life atamered behind eventually getting into the collection plate .. or. hat. Preacher Stewart once remarked after looking into the 'hat' and sizing up the two lonely nickles "Well, Thank God I have a HAT ! One fine morning Laura w s hanging out the wash when she spied the pastor wheel into their canyon, a half mile up the creek. All afluster she swished her skirts for the soddy to 'rid' the kitchen and to schooch the children into action. They had been playing in the shallow creek, herding pollywogs and wee fro s into mud corrals. They were mud splat ered, a wet and bedraggeled crew and what a SIGHT as they shifted from one leg to the other, Laura embarrassed beyond all measure, as they met the new arrivals, incidently the preachers first visit. Walter scampered to the pasture with a gunny scale for nice slick brown prairie-cookies and ordered to stir up the tire. Hazel and ildred ran down a fat hen who was soon headless, plucked and ended in a pot on the cookstove .. The Good Lord intervened. -omehow or other the youngsters were rinsed off, faces stiney from good home made lye soap, stuffed into clean clothes while Laura tossed balls of dough into the pot with the hen, which soon emerged as a most delicious chickendumpling stew.

To the children, Death was awesome, fearsome, and nevdr explainable ... coing to sleep forever! Whats forever? We wake up, why don't the Mrs William Walles p? If you are asleep, why put in a box and buried. Then you cant wake up, can you. How are you going to get out? The soddys had one cherished place for the children, where they studied, played, or read. The wide window seat, where the soddy walls were 2 ft wide. June Nights when the blizzards raged and mother and Aunt Dora, were out searching for the stock, cutting fences the packed group could drift. and We children crowded in the window seats, faces pushed against the frosty glass, the might praying and pra ing and peering for their return from him has been a sold to be a sold to be a sold to the hour of the hour as it banged, or thinking it was mother. Yand fearful wo might miss her return as others had done .. We were instructedne er to open the door in a storm, maybe we would blow out, , but if outside once, maybe forever Why did God answer our prayer when mother andDora, exhauted and unable to talk, hammered on the door and we opened it to their arms and ears. But Why didnt God answer the neighbor children.. heir father was found days later in a snow drift. Walter pressed his nose so tightly against the window pane thinking he saw mother coming, it stuck and when he jerked back off came skin. . /we were terrified when his nose bled. Lauras husband Jim Garthy a hew sister Dapai husband had gone to Senuce to find work

January July

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Singed Cats

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. STRANGERS FROM WYOMING

Jim and Laura Gorthy set up housekeeping in a small two room soddy, on their 'claim.'

One bitter cold evening in February two mounted men came riding up the draw. Each man was trailing a pack horse and it was seen both men were heavily armed with guns at their hips and Winchesters hung at their saddles. They stopped a short distance away and hailed the house, asking if they could stay over the night. Jim invited t em to come in and 'lite' but since the barn was small and crowded to capacity, it would be necessary to picket theirs outside. They replied they would take care of it, they did—they shifted Jim's horses over and crowded their own inside. The packs were taken of and laid aside, the saddles removed, the horses carefully runbed down, curried and re-saddled. This was repeated before breakfast.

One was a tall, slender fellow of cleasing appearance, the other was swarthy, short and heavy and somewhat sullen.

Laura fixed up something extra for supper and after eating, see t several hours yarning. Both were well educated and exceptional good conversationalists, the swarthy one perhaps the most intelligent and best posted man in ever talled with.

About ten oclock Jim a mounced the had but one bed, it would be necessary for the total the trew their blanks down on the lateren floor, but they said the preferred to sleep with their blorses. Jim never did figure how they bedded down for the night, the barn backed with horses. Every evidence was that the took turns on guard during the night, perhaps the other crawled in a manger. When Jim started for the barn at daybreak, but before be reached; it, one of the armed men showed up. lowever, they claimed to have had a comfortable night. After a heavy breakfast of slap-jacks and coffee, they prepared to leave, the tall man said, "When you write your friend Benedict at the Two Bar give him my regards and tell him you entertained 'TALL SLIM."

Jim wrote Leslie Benedict..In a few days received a reply;
"Your two new Friends are very much Wanted. I am sure "Tall Slim" is
Ben Kilpatrick and is also known as the Tall Texan. The two men are
part of Bitch Cassiday's Hole In The Wall gang and are two of Wyomings
most noted desperadoes. They are wanted for crimes ranging from cattle
stealing to train robbery. hings got too hot for them abd they skipped
out, perhaps for Texas."
(note) On the night of March 13 1912 Train No 2 of the S P, between
Elpaso and San Antonio, was held up by robbers near Dryden Texas.Both
robbe s were killed by the express messenger, David A Trousdale. The
robbers were later identified as Ben Kilpatrick and Ed Welch, noted
desperadoes, and had but recently been released from prison.
(San Antonio Express Tar 15 1912

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a sod leantoo was erected to the north for a kitchen---and again, mamily grew, a frame room 10x12 was erected to the south....

re good times—and there were hard times—there was happiness and sorrow... No one, excepting those who have already experienced ion from the death-angel, knows the heartbreak and black misery burs when the spark of life ceased in that little boys body——ethe neighbors, breating a terrific blizzard, to offer thake and a few words—condolence—to help fashion a rough box-wake turns hewing a resting place out of the frozen earth—then a calm as the few neighbors filed out of the house into the the bitter wind to lay the little fellow to rest...20 years to the body was taken up from the southwest corner of the yard and in the Benkelman cemetery....

were time of rejoicing also-family reunion at the old home creek-Literary at the South Fork-Sunday school and preaching Revivals!

Tre were hard times! Everyday was a hard day for mother.

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Jim went to Denver—he had to bum his way there as he had no me train fare. The agent at Benkelman helped him along by finding for him to get in and he then tipped off the train crww.... on a dairy for 18 months, sending the 15.00 to 20.00 a month home the children—with the chores—with the stock—and out of the am of money they not only lived, but she bought up calves from the who were short of both feed and money.

Is always sufficient feed along the creek—these calves became the portion of their herd—and that herd became the pivotal point in their put them over the hill and on the way to affluence.

To se was lorded by a large languang rooster. He was very at and very proud and tried to impress mankind with those facts etting along and cawing in an insulving manner. Daughter Mildred lain a jam with the rest of the children down at the creer, she hard the bose under a full force of steam, great sobs raking and and the tears streaking down her dirty face. The rooster with the usual salutation. She stopped crying at once, "Dam you, or God danged mouth I" she hirted at the old boy - then she cut lock sobs and tears as she hirted to monder.

1881

Across the lazily sprawled valley stood a lone cottonwood-theonly tree in sight. It was, as it were, a Memorial to the Soddy home that stood on the 25 ft elevation back of tt-Sacred with memories; hallowed with mambitions and asportations of the young couple who elected to hew a Home from the prairies of mansas--vibrating with the things of the past, alive and vital from the childish feet that had played about the spring at its roots....

Pater came the homesteaders. And thus we find James Gorthy coming from the Fast with but one thought in mind-Land and planty of rich farm land upon whit to make a HOMF....

The clear, coldwater spring that flowed from the limestone formation fed a little creek, as did other springs up and down the valley. He looked into the future. The house should be a Soddy, it would be comfortable altho but 10x12. Nearby was sufficient rough land the could be taken at anytime and at ones own price, but right now the good land was going fast and it what be taken quickly—this was an ideal location with most of the quarter being good farm land—and near enough to other land that one mandad as time and circumstances permitted.

One day, coming up from the river Jim carried a green cottonwood sprout which was planted at the side of the spring --- and from this humble start did both the Tree and Jim grow into the West...

A couple of miles down the creek were the Edmunds...

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Laura Edmunds and Jim were to be married——or perhaps they were already married—ig had the natives mystified and they were very anxious to learn the truth—it was absolutely necessary, according to the code of the West to wlecome the newly-weds with an old fashioned bell-ringing-tincanning, shot-gun, hoss-fiddle charavari...But this gala affair must not take place prematurely.

So fil Holiman was delegated to ferrit out the facts ..

One morning Holliman rode into the yard on some pretext or other and saw Jim hanging out a newly washed red flannel shdershirt. Thereupon he reported to his friend, "By God !Jim aint married."

A day or so later he again rode into the yerd, and this time he saw Laura at the house--he rushed away to report, "By God! Jim's married."

That night the entire community turned out with every conceivable contraption that would make a noise-after the required amount of bedlam, Jim and Laura open the door and welcomed the crowd.

Next day Holliman reported, "By God We charavaried Jam."

The wedding had taken place at the Edwinds home-Laura stayed there a day or so while Jim swept out this ######################### soddy and tiddied it up a bit....Then came the honeymoon trip. Jim drove down in the lumber wagon, his only mode of conveyance, for Laura. They then drove the mile and a half back to Jim's homestead--in the bottom of the wagon was a box with an old hen and a dozen chickens, the wedding gift of the Edmunds to their daughter Laura.....

Home On The Range

Jim had been hearing about the Community Singing up on the Ough Divide and where there was music that was the pasture he headed for. It was but fifteen miles from his claim shack to the Forks where he exchanged horses and another sixteen miles to the soddy school on the Pivide.

a-sparkling on the prairie lilies, carried the verses of

Home On The Range---it made one tingle all over---then the audiance

would boom along with the chorus:

where the buffalo roam-where the deer and antelope play.
Where never is heard
a discouraging word-And the sky is not cloudy all day."

Jim's courtship to the whole South Fork into a dither.

Some said Jim and Laura were married, others said they were not.

Granny Toy delegated herself to ferrit out the story. Everyone bet on her inquisitive nose prying out the facts but she returned from Laura's home a crestfallen and a defeated woman, her first failure in eighty odd years of snooping.

There was no use talking or guessing, the community just had to know the score and know right now. The code of Hospitality demanded a wild rootin'-tootin'-shootin'-charavari, but it would mean bad cess to all if it turned out to be a premature shindig--and worser yet if not administered pretty sudden after the nuptial knot was tied.

Bill Howell, a freind of jim's, and a man of few words, was delegated to spike the rumor. He rode into Jim's yard one morning on some pretext or other. Jim was washing a red flannel shirt. Bill reported.

d another sixteen miles to the soddy school

#By God! Jim aint married. Did his own washing! "
A few days later Bill returned the second time. Laura was at the soddy
door. He reported.

"By God! Jim is married. Women folk about."

That night the entire countryside moved in with every conceivable noise making contraption and loaded down with hearty good will.

After the customary play-off the door was opened and the crowd treated to popcorn. Bill reported.

the fracty h. "By God! Jim was charavaried." beat a shyther with his

at the brides home; the wedding gifts, a feather tick and a box containing an old hen and fifteen chicks wwre loaded in Jim's lumber wagon.

Amid a rousing Bon Voyage from the family, and a parting salute from an old hoss-pistol, the bridal clambered aboard and dreve the mile and a half up the draw to Jim's modern soddy--it had a wooden floor. Everything was convenient, the spring was pnly 75 feet down hill from the kitchen and the ###### back-house out by the barn, with a wonderful view up and down the valley. And here they were, optimistic as a Robin on a spring morn, headed for a new way of life and experiences and the grandest opportunity on earth---raising a family, building up an estate, and putting solid chunks of Americanism under the Republican party.

CHITUARY OF LAURA BELLE OCCUPAN

Laura Belle Edwards, the minth child of Gron and Remay Edwards was born on a farm near Biggsville in Handarson County, Illinois on April 30th, 1868, and departed this life at Benkelman, Hebreaka, on June 23rd, 1956, at the age ef 88 years, I menth and 23 days. The passing of this pieuseur gentle lady marks the end of an era in the history of her beloved homeland. In era which began in the apring of 1886 when live, Garthy came west with her family and settled on a homestead in Chayenne County, Kansas, one of the first families to settle on the South Fork. Life in the high plains was then at flood tide, each train brought long strings of invigrent care bearing the belongings of hapeful homesteaders. God had blessed live. Carthy with a keen mind and parfect memory which served her until the end, and she wholeheartedly put her talents into the building of an empire through the education of its children. School books were a source commodity and manay with which to buy them was momentistent. But the pupils of this gracious lady were instructed in the arts and sciences in a therough memor which has served them well through life.

and then, as happens only to the most worthy, Laura Manada found the one great love that was to sustain her through all her life in the person of Jesus Corthy, an adventurous Scottish homesteader from New York. They were united in marriage on May 16th, 1888, and said the good wishes of their fellow pioneers took up residence in a sod house on the South Fork which Mr. Corthy had built for his bride. During the years of their residence there, Laura bore unto her beloved James six children, three boys and three girls. The Corthy home was a place of happiness and light, and one wherein an homest and practical religion was the way of life. Church services were held in the home until the settlers could build a church wherein to give thenly.

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The lives of truly good people are always a model for those of us who remains they by their living have made our lot easier. It is both fitting and proper that the obitumy of this kindly lady should be interspersed with the words of Temple Bailey's "A Perable for Nothers",

The young nother set her foot on the path of life, "Is the way long?" she asked.

lang?" she assed.

And the Guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that saything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way; and the sus shows on them, and life was good, and the young mother said "Nothing will ever be levelier than thin."

As husband and wife, James and Laura spent 63 glorious years together, enduring the privations of pioneer life, breaking the sod, subdoing a wild country, reising their family, enduring drouth, privation, postilence and the discouragements which drove weaker people back to the more sheltered surroundings. In 1895 life in the high plains had received such on obb that Mr. Gartly was forced to take a job in a dairy in Denver to provide food for his family. During his absence, his faithful wife kept the family heldings together until he could return. Mr. Corthy's employer asked him to stay on in the city, but the challenge of the plains brought his back to fight on. When the good years returned, the Corthy's feresight in selecting a place to live proved itself to be right, and their form became on outstanding example of what good husbandry could accomplish. In 1938 when James and Laura collaborated their 50th wadding amiversary, Mr. Corthy was asked why so many others had failed where he had succeeded. He sailed and nodded temped his beloved wife, and said "They didn't have her".

> Then might came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shock with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children caid, "Nother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come," and the mother said, "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage." And the noming came, and there was a hill sheed, and the children climbed and grew weary and the mother was weary,

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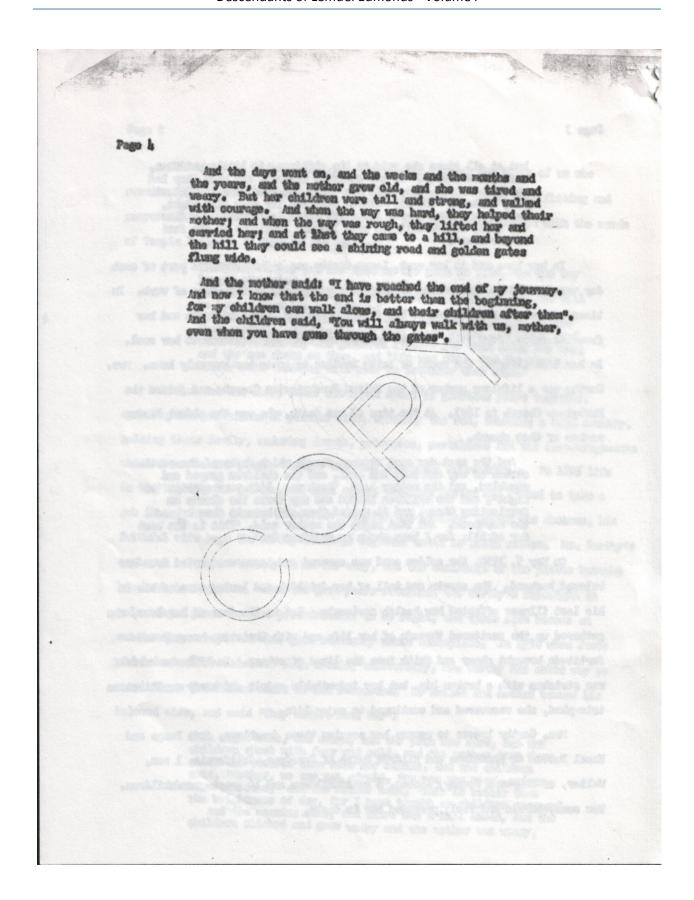
but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience, and we are there". So the children climbed, and when they had reached the top, they said "We could not have done it without you, Nother". And the Nother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars, and said: "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the fact of hardness".

In her home and in her work, Laura Corthy was a Christian. A part of each day was devoted to the reading of scripture regardless of the press of work. In times of strees, her reading of her favorite chapter, the 23rd Puala and her favorite verse, John 3:16, brought confort and restored fortitude to her soul. In her last illness, she spoke of being auxious to go to her beauchy home. From Corthy was a lifelong member of the United Precipturian Church, and joined the Benkelman Church in 1893. At the time of her deeth, she was the oldest living member of that church.

and the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth-clouds of wag and hate and evil, and the children groped and sturbled, and the nother said. Took up. Lift your eyes to the Light", and the children lected and say above the clouds an Everlasting Clouy, and it guided them and brought then beyond the darkness. And that night the nother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God".

On May 5, 1950, the golden cord was severed and Laura was parted from her beloved husband. The strain and toda of her faithful and loving care of him in his last illness affected her health seriously. But in the face of her loss, she gathered up the scattered threads of her life and with Christian braway and fortitude brought cheer and faith into the lives of others. In 1952 she herself was stricken with a broken hip, but her indomitable spirit and hardy constitution twiwphed, she recovered and continued to enjoy life.

Mrs. Gorthy Leaves to mourne her passing three daughters, Ama Benge and Hasel Sutton of Benkelsen and Mildred Saith of Pasedena, California, 1 con, Walter, of Chayenne County, Kansas, 6 grandshildren and 10 great-grandshildren. Two sons, Harold and Paul, preceded her in death.



The Little Sod Shanty, on The Slaim

Having since lived in a near modern house, I have no desire to to the Little Sod Shanty on the Range. There are many poignant memories of our carefree days as children, if its carefree nursing a garden with water carried uphill from a spring; picking off tater-bugs and tomatoe worms, and dragging a sack Saturdays, picking up = prairie cookies=..is ealted carefree...It was, as in a meausre..always some exciting prairie life to be seen, jokes played, such as worms in our pockets

Having since lived in a modern home, I have no desire to return to the Little sod shanty on the range. There are many poignant memories, some disturbing memories. How careless we were of the sacrifices, the worries, the drudgery of our parents in the love and direction to we children. A life decoted to us, unselfish and unstinted. How that it is too late, may our prayers of thankfillness reach them, and we in turn pass on those honors to our own.

Cur Soddy was much better than most. There was a wooden foof, tar paper covered, overlaid with sod to hold it secure against the high winds... Many other settlers roofed their soddy with sod over whatever material they could find, branches, slabs, old pieces of sheet iron, often a weak ridgepole breaking under stress of weight when it rained. And when it rained, the roof dripped. It was time for umbrellas and horseblankets over the beds, and pails to catch the drip..dripping for days sometimes.

hanged over the windows and doors, the same held true during the hot winds .. winds that at times burned the tasselling corn and other crops.. It was at such times that we children were impressed into service. Bringing water up from the spring, at least two city blocks away, to soak the blankets, either to hold the dust, or to cool the hot winds..Air Conditioners. WE saw little use for the air-conditioner, We preferred to play in the creek, more often muddy pools where were polly-wogs, and scare=y watersnakes and skeeters..or...just sit under the lone ###### tree at the spring, marking diagrams in the sand, or playing jackstraws with broken twigs and peobles.

It was under such activities when Presbyterian pastor, pebbles. wife and daughter, drove in. ad Dad remarked,= starved out of town and going to the country looking for a chicken dinner" Mud spattered, hair draggled, sunburned, we children herded in to see what it was all about..and was mother embarrassed. The soul of cleanliness, ahe managed to mummer ' Thease are our children"... The cupboard nearly bare and she had been bouncing from washtub to kneading bread dough. and there we stood, gawking and scratching skeeter bites on our legs. Mother always managed under emergencies. She shooed us outside where we were instructed...wash up and get into clean clothes Dont come in until you are presentable..and say , - Fleased to meet you! (Like heck we were) Walter, you catch a fat hen. Usual proceedure was to scatter a handful of corn (if we had any above horse needs)

Fair Time

It was announced there would be a foot race by the kids...Against the wishes of her parents and strict refusal by her mother, Hazel e tered the race, shucked her shies and in stocking feet, won the race and the One dollar prize.

That dollar was spent dozens of times in the next six months, selecting and rejecting things in Sears R ebuck catalog..and town shopping... Just was was eventially purchased hazel does not now recall, but she knows it was spl spilt several ways...and spread over several months.

Flour was purchased in the fall, sufficient for the winter. and toward spring it was usually showing life. always carefully sifted before going into break. Mother orthy was more 'particular' then most women, not only going thru the sifter screen, but cloth, well worn thin, was used for the final sifting.

Sunburn or tanned faces on the young ladies..

was almost a sin. Old stocking covered the arms,
and subonnets covered the heat, the hot sun
and humidity made no difference... unbonnets
it had to Be..and was...until the girls got
far away from home survilliance, then off came the
bonnets. Retribution caught up tho..and
punishment too. the bonnets were sewed on, after t
the hair was properly piled over their heads.

Little Mildred overheard the Womans Aide tell about the wonderful results from a Cold Cream sold at the Walthall drugstore.

After a bit Mildred disappeared. and then was seen returning, a smeared, messy sight. What On Earth is that on your Face, Mildred: Just COLD CREAM I rolled off the ccocks in the cellar! You said it was good for the complexion!

Hazel was entertaining some friends. The refreshments were coffee, ham and waffles. The syrup was home made, a combination of cane sugar and maple sugar---which had earned some renown in a community known for its good cooks.

The first batch of waffles had about disappeared, and the syrup was running low. She decided to make up a new patch. Suddenly she beaconed her better-half aside and whispered, "Dad, what on earth shall I do--I made an awful mistake ". Dad turned white--thinking perhaps she had accidently mixed in some rat poison. "W-h-a-t happened honey, s-h-a-1-1- I phone for the doctor?"

"Perhaps you had better -- I got hold of the wrong bottle. I made that the symp with Blackberry Balsaam instead of maple symp -- My "eavens, what shall I say -- WHAT will happen.?"

"Nothing can happen, dear---that wouldnot be for the good. Dont day anything and forget this. " Then jokingly---".. And clear a path for the bathroom."

But Edith's sharp ears had picked up some of the story. She was changing colors and in a short time she made a wild rish for the bathroom.

No one else knew about it---they were happy and comfortable in their ignorance, and calling for more will all goes to show what a dang fool thing the imagination can do--just the opposite to what Blockharm Balletharm Balletharm

the imagination can do--just the opposite to what Blackberry Balsam is supposed to.

After the new batch of waffles arrived-and the fresh syrup, Mildred remarked---"You know, Hazel, this syrup tastes as much more like maple

hilly the other did, but golly, that was good I want your receipe."

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1 CAMP COOK

Walt did not savvy the art of camp cooking the first attempt to toss a loop that way, nor was his first try at sour-Deugh biscuits out of the top of a sack of flour a success. It took time and a lot of know-how....and he learned the hard way, that chillin would kill the yeast. An old hand gave Walt the cue, carry a wad of the doughy culture in his pocket where it would keep warm and would show plenty of fight...and it did.

Once he failed to mix is enough flour of the doughy culture went to work prematurely and came regions at out of his pocket; went to work prematurely and came regions at out of his pocket; went to

When there were not enough riders combing the range to warrant a camp cook, there was a rule of rotation and a tighter rule that anyone crabbing about the grub had to take over the despised job of juggling vittals over a cow-c ip fire.

And..thats how Walt got roped, even if he did bawl and buck the first time, saying he came, hired as a rider, not a derned cook!

Once, he said something about the coffee being stout enough to float a paid of gut-hooks, and one frosty morning found himself being kicked out of his warm blankets to take over. and make it snappy....

Old Fonchair John reached into the dutch-oven for solething; he hefted it, smelled it, and bit into it, remarking, "Yeo, By Goody, it 'pears like a biskit, but it's the darnedest thing I ever tried to eat!" Then sudden y he remembered the stiff penalty for bitching, he turned a beaming face toward the cook and loudly proclaimed, "BUT by GOODY, this is sure the way I like them!"

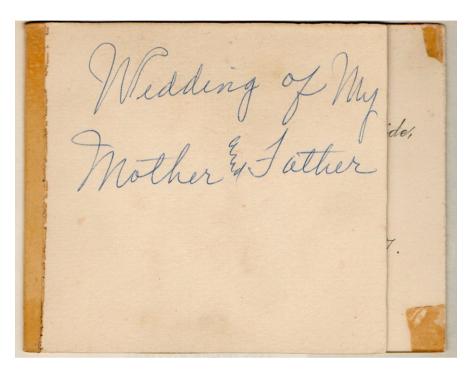
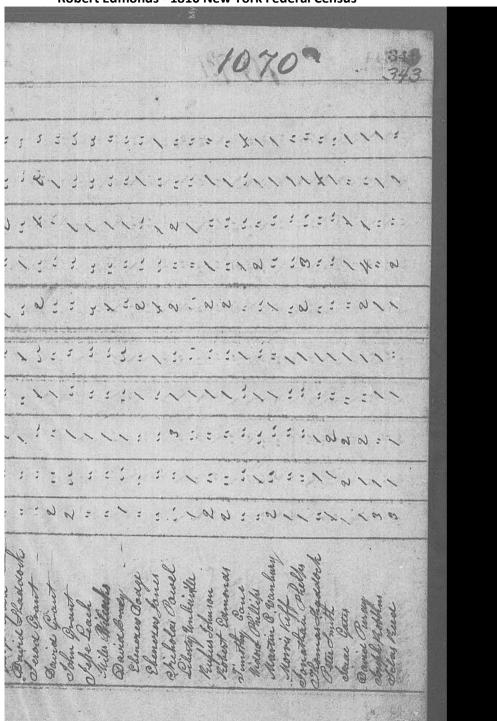




Figure 87 Oliver Perry Edmonds and Nancy Jane Tracy Wedding Announcement

Census Images



Robert Edmonds - 1810 New York Federal Census

Figure 88 1810 Federal Census

Robert Edmonds in 1810 New York is the head of the household. He has the following in his household: 2 white males 10 years or younger, 1 white male (Robert Edmonds) between 26-44, 2 white females 10 years of age or younger and 1 female between 26-44. It is not known if this is the father of Lemuel Edmonds born 1798.

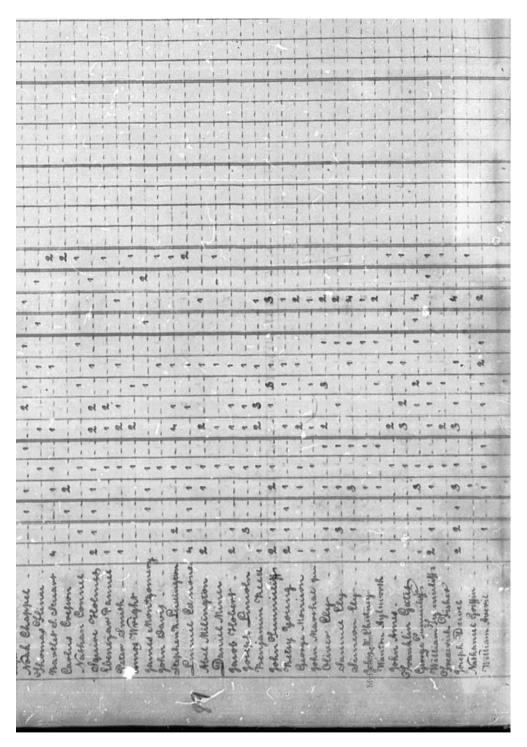
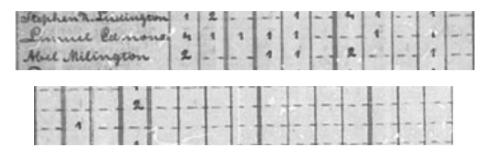


Figure 89 Lemuel Edmonds - Sherkimer County, Warren Twp. New York 1820

Lemuel Edmonds - Sherkimer County, Warren Twp. New York 1820



Lemuel Edmonds is the head of the household in 1820. He has the following in his household: 4 white males under 10 years, 1 male 10 to under 16, 1 male between 16-18, 1 male 26 and under 45, 1 male 45 and upwards. He has the following females listed in his household: 1 white female of 10 and under 16 years, 1 white female 26 and under 45, 2 male slaves under 14 years.

1820 Census Note #1:

Lemuel Edmonds according to family records of various sources has an un documented birth year of 1798. If this Lemuel in the above 1820 Federal Census and the Lemuel of Family Records are one and the same then the Lemuel in the 1820 Federal Census is possibly around 72 years of age. However assuming that the oldest listed male in this 1820 Federal Census is the Lemuel Edmonds he could be of the age 45 — upwards, which would make his birth year (? – 1775). This causes a problem with the date of birth of the Lemuel of Family Records which places his birth 1798 which would make the Lemuel in this 1820 Census too old to be our Lemuel of Family Records which he should be around 22 years of age in 1820. What does this mean? It means that if this Lemuel in the 1820 Federal Census is our Lemuel then the dates are messed up with the Census or our Family Records. Or it means that this is not our Lemuel Edmonds that is mentioned in the 1820 Federal Census.

1820 Census Note #2

This 1820 Federal Census implies the following: That Lemuel is the Father of the male '26 and under 45', or the female '26 and under 45'. The male between 26-44 years would have been born between the years 1775-1794. Our Oren Edmonds was born in 1828. If this is our Lemuel than the question needs to be raised who is the other male that is 28 years +/- older than our Oren Edmonds. According to 1st had account by Laura Belle Edmonds Gorthy, daughter of Oren and Nancy Edmonds she states the following without birth dates: "His (Oren Edmonds) brother were Lon, Perry, Charlie, Orlando, and a sister Ruth Ann". The control of the state of the

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⁷⁸ Eva Edmonds Papers – Edmonds 58, Pg.2. See Source Chapter.

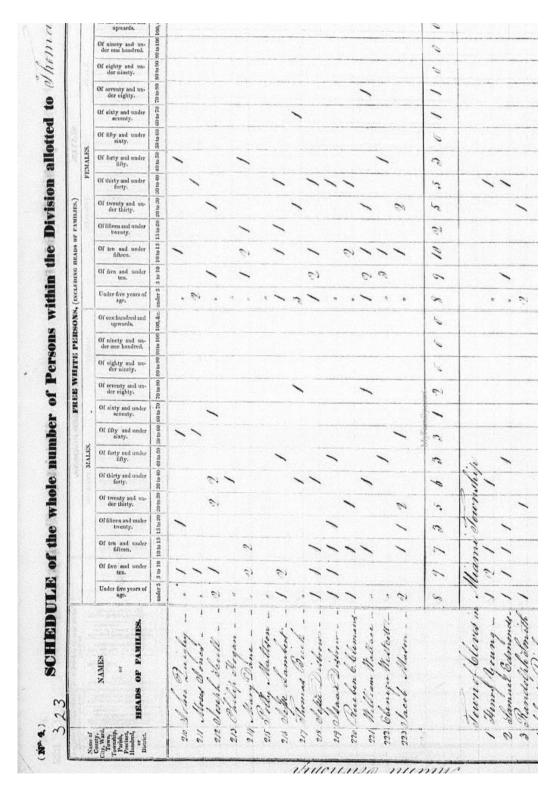


Figure 90 Lemuel Edmonds – Hamilton County, Miami Twp Ohio 1830

Lemuel Edmonds - Hamilton County, Miami Twp Ohio 1830

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Lemuel Edmonds has the following people in his household in 1830: 1 white male under 5 years, 1 white male of 5 and under 10, 1 white male of 10 and under fifteen, 1 white male of 15 and under 20, 1 white male of 40 and under 50, 1 white female of 5 and under 10 and 1 white female of 30 and under 40.

1830 Census Note #1

The 1830 Federal Census for Lemuel fits our Family Records date and family information better than the 1820 Federal Census ⁷⁹ with a Lemuel Edmonds Mentioned. The head of the household was born between 1781-1790. This fits perfectly +/- 8 years which is acceptable when performing this very early research. The children fit pretty close. We know that according to the only known source of the children of Lemuel Edmonds ⁸⁰ there were 5 children Lon, Perry, Charlie, Orlando, and Ruth. The children mentioned within the 1830 Federal Census were born, 1816-1820, 1821-1825, **1826-1830**, and the girl was born 1821-1825. The child born 1826-1830 fits perfectly for our Oren Edmonds born 1828⁸¹.

⁷⁹ Refer to Chapter – Sources. Federal Census 1820.

⁸⁰ Eva Edmonds Papers – Edmonds 58, Pg.2. See Source Chapter.

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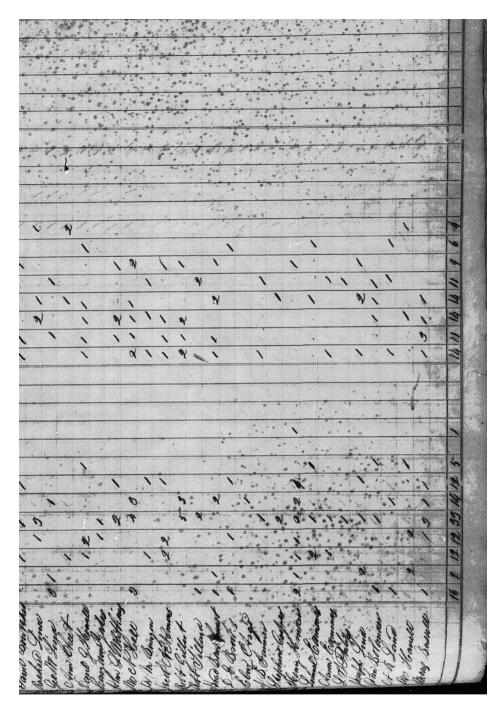
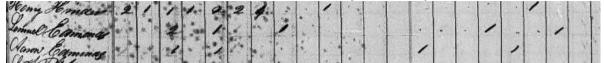


Figure 91 Lemuel Edmonds – Hamilton County, Miami Twp Ohio 1840

Lemuel Edmonds - Hamilton County, Miami Twp Ohio 1840



Lemuel Edmonds had he following in his household in 1840: 1 white male 10 and under 15, 1 male 20 and under 30, 1 male 50 and under 60, 1 white female 15 and under 20, 1 female 30 and under 40.

The next head of household directly mentioned on the same census form after Lemuel is an Aaron Edmonds. Aaron Edmonds had the following in his household in 1840: 1 white male 10 and under 15, 1 male 20 and under 30, 1 white female under 5, 1 female 20 and under 30.

Lemuel Edmonds Head of Household 1840

Male

10 and under 15 = 1825-1830 (Oren)

20 and under 30 = 1810-1820

50 and under 60 = 1780-1790 (Lemuel)

Female

15 and under 20 = 1820-1825

30 and under 40 = 1800-1810

Aaron Edmonds Head of Household 1840

Male

10 and under 15 = 1825-1830

20 and under 30 = 1810-1820

Female

Under 5 = 1836-1839

20 and under 30 = 1810-1820

As in the 1830 Federal Census the dates still fit our family records of Edmonds. There is a white male born between 1780-1790 which would be our Lemuel. There is a son born between 1810-1820, and a boy is between the age 10-15 born 1825-1830 which is more than likely our Oren Edmonds born 1828. There is still a girl between 15 and 20 born 1820-1825 which is more than likely Ruth Ann. There can be a question asked about the female in the household born 1800-1810. Is this female a daughter or the wife of the head of the household? In the 1830 Federal Census there was the oldest female 10 years older than the head of the household.

In the 1840 Federal Census the oldest female in the household of Lemuel is 30-39 years old where the head of the household is of 50-59 years old. This is a significant 20 years older compared to the difference in the 1830 Federal Census when comparing the oldest Male and Female. Is this the same oldest female in the 1840 as was mentioned in the 1830? I don't believe it is. Then the question must be asked, "Who is she?" She could be a new wife to take care of the two under age children.

The Aaron Edmonds causes some serious confusion. I have never read any where about an Aaron Edmonds. This Aaron Edmonds in the Federal Census in 1840 born between 1810-1820 could be the child mentioned in Lemuel Edmonds household in 1830 born 1816-1820. The only known written account of the sibling states the names as Lon, Perry, Charlie, Orlando, and Ruth. ⁸³Very likely the Aaron is one of the male siblings mentioned he just was called something different by his family members during the time of the 1840 Federal Census.

⁸² Refer to Chapter – Sources. Federal Census 1830.

⁸³ Eva Edmonds Papers – Edmonds 58, Pg.2. See Source Chapter.

1850 Federal Census

The 1850 Federal Census gets somewhat confusing. This is the first Federal Census which shows the head of the household and everyone who lives within the household.

Ten years have passed since the last Federal Census and the Children of Lemuel are mostly gone on and on their own. Out of the children of Lemuel that were believed to be born of the union were Orlando, Oren, Perry, Alonzo, Charlie, and Ruth. Figure 73 Lemuel can be found in Monroe County Illinois with an Arthur (possibly Alonzo) and Ruth Figure 92. Orlando and Perry can be found in Logtown, Eldorado County California which fits the family history detailing their journey to California for the gold rush Figure 93. The only two children that can't be found is our Oren Edmonds born 1828 and Charlie Edmonds. I don't have a theory as to Charlie's location in 1850. He might have passed away or he just hasn't been located as of yet.

Oren is a problem in 1850. He just can't be found by his name. He would be 28 years old at this time and two years away from marrying Nancy Curren McGregor who is in Indiana at this time.

There are two possible men mentioned in the 1850 Federal Census who could be our Oren born 1828. In Township 8N/6W, Henderson County Illinois there is an Oliver Edmonds age 21 born in 1829 in Ohio. There is also an Aaron Edmonds age 23 born in 1828 in Ohio. Either one of these two men could be our Oren Edmonds born 1828. It can't be ignored how close the name Aaron and Oren sound, our Oren born 1828 real name could have been Aaron but family just called him Oren for short. There is another Aaron Edmonds mentioned ten years earlier in the 1840 Federal Census Figure 91 right next door to Lemuel in Hamilton County Ohio. This Aaron Edmonds was born 1810-1820 which is close but not within the year span needed for our Oren Edmonds born 1828. I think it is obvious that the 1840 Aaron born 1810-1820 is related to our line of Edmonds. Then who is the 1850 Aaron Edmonds born in 1828? Is he our Oren born 1828? If the 1850 Aaron is the 1840 Aaron born 1810-1820 then where is his family that was mentioned in the 1840 Federal Census? In family records there is a mention of an Aaron Edmonds that can be found in Whitewater Twp., Hamilton County Ohio Figure 66. At this time this Aaron Edmonds supposedly in Whitewater Twp. Has not been located in records. There is also an Aaron Edmonds mentioned in a store ledger in Cleves Ohio Figure 63. Is this the 1840 Aaron Edmonds, or the 1850 Aaron?

There are some other Edmonds in the 1850 Federal Census that should be mentioned:

In Harrisonville, Monroe County Illinois there is a Catherine Edmonds age 22, Charles age2, and Alfred age 3 months.

In Henderson County Illinois Twp. 8N/5W Daniel Edmonds 34, Eliza J. 20, Amos 1; Obadia 61, Lydia 62.

In Henderson County Illinois Twp. 8N/6W

Ira Edmonds 40, Anna 43, Hannah 15, Lydia 13, Mary J. 9, Ruham (F) 4; Oliver Edmonds 21 Ohio.

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Figure 92 1850 Federal Census Columbia, Monroe County Illinois

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Figure 93 1850 Logtown and Vicinity, Eldorado County California

Margaret Buckholtz Papers

She is related to Eva Cooper Edmonds. Eva was the wife of Ray Edmonds who was the son of Oliver Perry Edmonds. These copies were collected on my trip to Kansas in 2003.

Robert L. Edmonds Diary 1883-1889

New Year 1883

- Jan. 1st. Went to Burlington Bought me a new accordian Nice clear day spent \$12.50
 - 2nd Staid at home today nice day
 - 3rd At home most of the day went to Coloma in evening to prayer meeting at night
 - 4th Stayed at home, got dinner father and mother went visiting. Snowed all day.
 - 5th Helped father to take off his hogs.
 - 6th Went to Biggsville in forenoon at home in the afternoon got a letter from Cousin Mag.
 - 7th Sabbeth. Went to church today S. School 5 cts.
 - 8th Stayed at home today Week of prayer
 - 9th Went to preaching today today.
 - 10th Chopped wood at home a blustery day.
 - 11th Went to preaching paid \$3.00 salary, \$1.00 sextant fund.
 - 12th Chopped wood for John McDill \$1.00.
 - 13th At home today. Chopped some wood.
 - 14th Sabbeth, went to preaching today
 - 15th Helped Mrs. Mekemson to drive hogs to Gladstone made 50¢.
 - 16th Worked in the house in the forenoon, got dinner. CHopped wood in the afternoon.
 - 17th Chopped wood for Mr. Baird today. Went to preaching at night.
 - 18th Chopped wood for Mr. Baird went to preaching at night.
 - 19th Chopped wood in forenoon. finished chopping for Mr. Baird. Making \$2.60.
 - 20th Went to preaching today Very cold.
 - 21st Went to Coloma stayed most of the day. Spent 15 cts for postage stamps.
 - 22nd At home today
 - 23rd Chopped wood for father today went to prayer meeting at night.
 - 24th At home today A sled load of us went to Mrs. CAmpbells to spend the evening, had a good time.
 - 25th Went to Biggsville bought a pair of suspenders 25 cts. Paid the girls \$1.00 for washing.
 - 26th Went to Biggsville went to Gladstone in evening.
 - 27th Sabbeth went to church today Mr. REnwick preached.
 - 28th Chopped wood for Mr. Jamison today.
 - 29th Chopped wood went to spelling school at Cowdens school house twenty one of us in a sled.
 - 30th Chopped wood today.
 - 31st Chopped wood in the forenoon, had company in the afternoon went to Biggsville at night to a spelling school, sixteen of us in a sled.

1883

- Mar. 11 Sabbeth went to church sermon by Mr. Renwick Collection 50 cts.
 - 12 Chopped wood went to Coloma in the evening to the exhibition, paid the girls \$1.25 for washing.
 - 13 Chopped wood today.
 - 14 Chopped cord wood today, Went to prayer meeting at night.
 - 15 Went to Oquaroka paid for the journal spent \$2.35.
 - 16 Chopped cord wood today.
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 - 18 Sabbeth went to church sermon-----collection 5 cts.
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 - 21 Chopped cord wood today.
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 - 24 Chopped cord wood today.
 - 25 Sabbeth did not go to church today.
 - 26 Went to Biggsville today, spent 5 cts.
 - 27 Stayed all night with Mr. Andy Martin last night. Went around and collected money for the Quarter Centennial.
 - 28 Chopped cord wood part of the day went to prayer meeting at night.
 - 29 Chopped cord wood. Snowed about an inch last night. paid \$2.00 for Mission fund \$3.00 to Quarter Centennial.
 - 30 Chopped and corded wood today.
 - 31 Corded wood in the forenoon. Went to Gladstone in afternoon, bought a couple of shirts \$1.00. paid the girls for washing 75 cts finished chopping cord wood. 13 cords making \$13.00, making 27 cords chopped this winter.
- Apr. 1 Sabbeth went to church.
 - 2 Commenced working for Mohn McDill at twenty Dollars a month snowed last night.
 - 3 Chopped wood at the wood pile
 - 4 Chopped wood at the wood pile
 - 5 Chopped wood at the wood pile
 - 6 Rained nearly all day. Corded wood up stove wood.
 - 7 Chopped stove wood part of the day.
 - 8 Sabbeth did not go to church today.
 - 9 Split stove wood at the wood pile.
 - 10 Ploughed some for potatoes in forenoon worked at hedge in afternoon.
 - 11 Worked at hedge today
 - 12 Worked at hedge today
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 - 14 Worded at the hedge most of the day

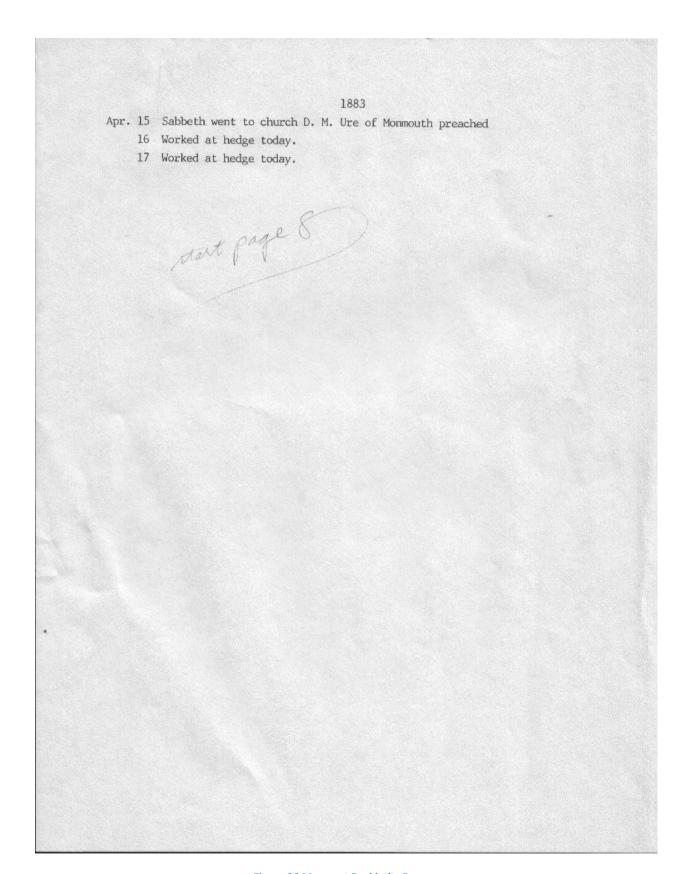


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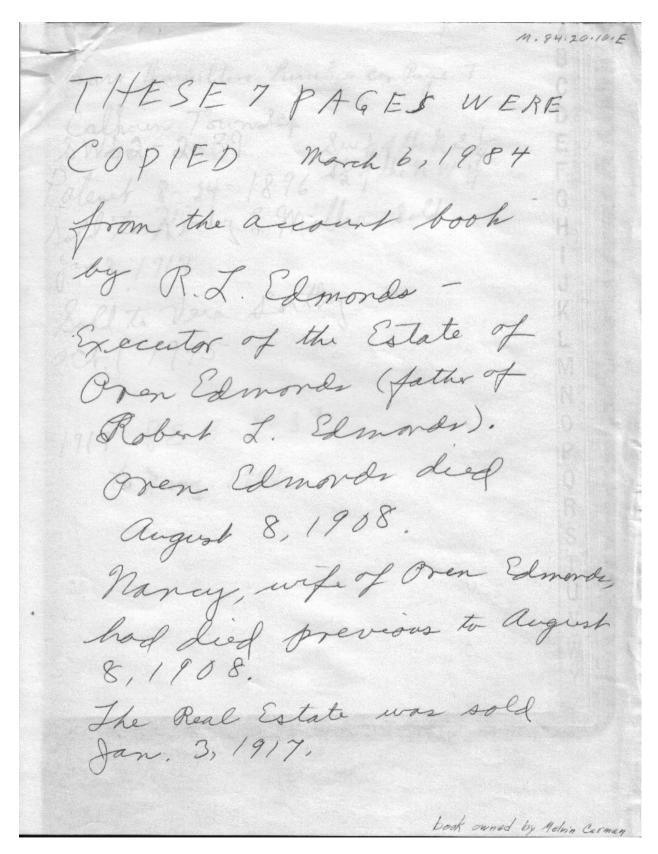


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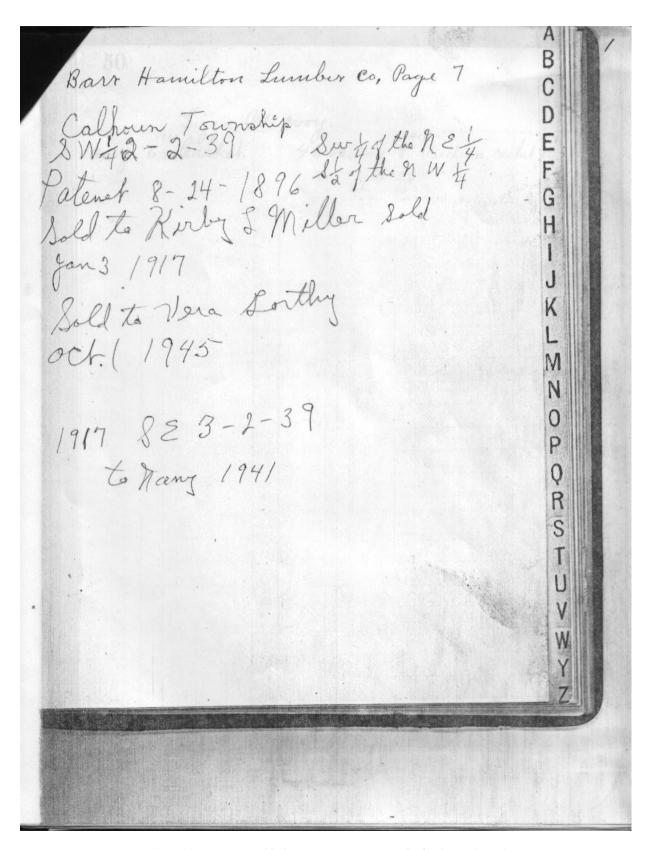


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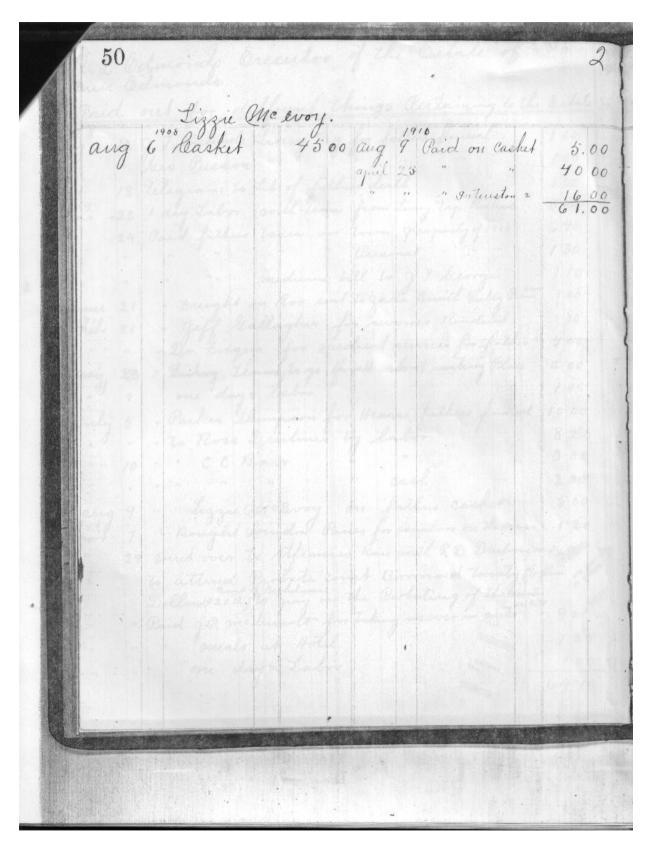


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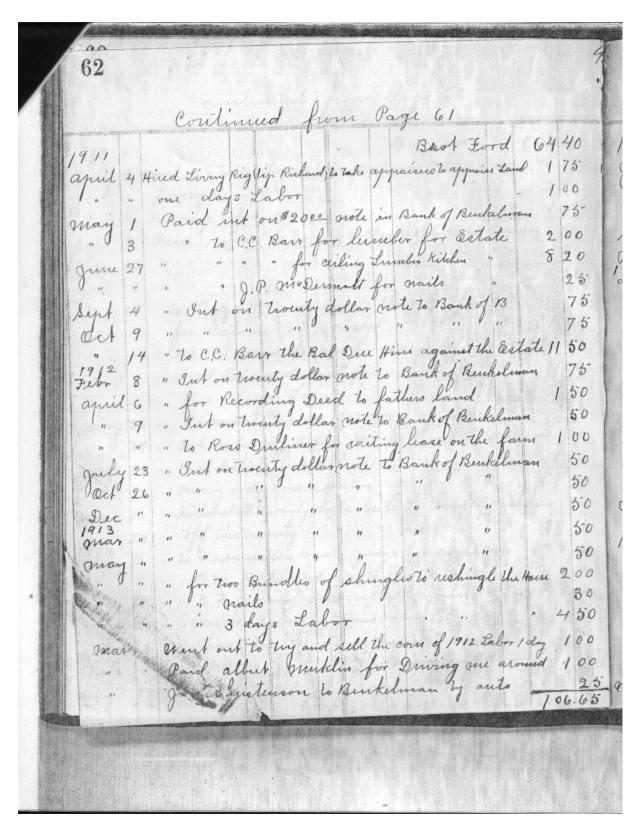


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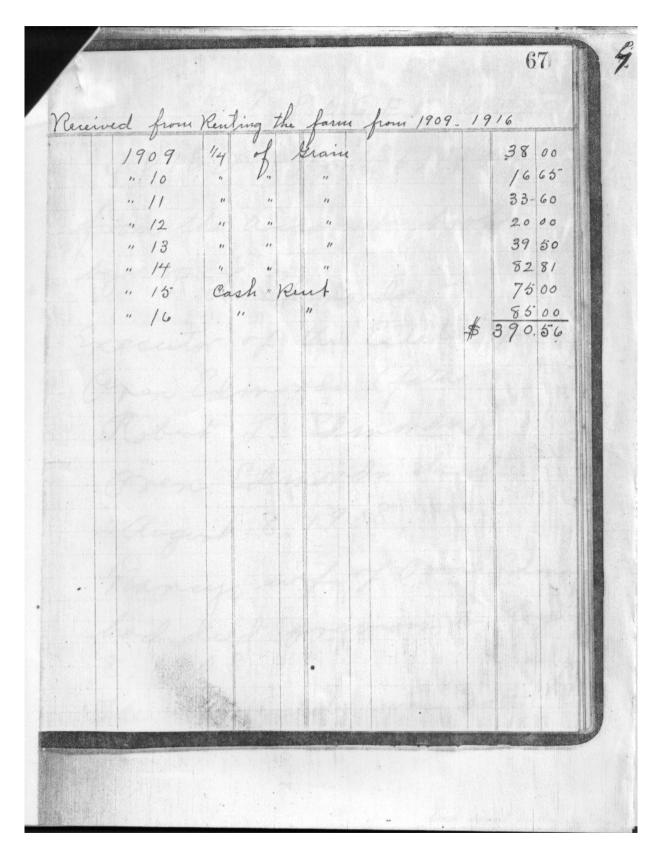


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Figure 105 Margaret Buckholtz Papers – Beverage Reynolds Family



Figure 106 Margaret Buckholtz Papers

FROM ROBERT EDMONDS DIARY, ABSTRACTED 6; Thursday, September 1, 1863 Bird City Times, Bird City, Kansas **Bird City Centennial Column** neighbors. He speaks of going to the Jim Nesbit ranch for many loads of cow chips to use in his stove. Also collected bones to sell. An August 15, "Communion at Benkelman First Service of this kind in Benkelman at U.P. Church. Services were held in skating rink of Mr. McCalain." September 18, "I went to a picule on Delay Canyon (on my father's Claim) (James Gorthy) first picnic that I attended in Cheyenne County, Kansas." On September 30, "I went to Wano (St. Francis) to the fair. First time I was ever in Wano, this is first annual fair in Cheyenne County, Kansas." On October 4, "Went to a Building Bee - putting up Mr. Cowden's sod house. All neighbors came." He year of 1887, January 24, "Had a party at my soddy, seven ladies and eleven gentlemen came." On February 15, "Started for father's. My horses fell throught the ice in the river." On March 28, he records the organization of U.P. (Church with thirty-one members and a Sabbath School. He was elected Sabbath School He was elect went to St. Francis to a Republican convention. Canidates nominated for clerk, Mourning; treasurer, Colt; Sheriff, Boyd; recorded, Green. Spent 5 cents. The diary ended on December 31, 1889. Later Robert left his claim in the 1890's and went to Denver. He opened a store there with his brother, Elsworth. But the brother died in Denver. He had an infected tooth. It was filled but infection set in under the filling. He lived only two days and died as the result of blood poisoning. Robert sold out and came back to Benkelman where he lived the rest of his life. He opened a second hand store here. On November 12, "Snowing, started home about four a.m. Fare to Republican City \$2.35, arrived back in Illinois on November 13." Robert Edmonds came out and took a homestead claim, then returned to Illinois for the winter year of 1886. He speaks of revival meetings in the church in January. They had prayer meeting in the afternoons and revival meeting at night for one week. Robert was deeply religious because of his early parent's training. On January 28, he went to Mr. Knutstrom's sale and spent 10 cents.

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On February 1, he bought a mule and started breaking it to pull. And on March 10, bought a cow to take west with him. On March 12, he bought lumber, \$30.70, a watch for \$8, a stove for \$18.35 and other things, \$3.40, in preparation for coming west. On March 13, they had a saile of things they did not need in the West. On Thesday, March 16, 1886, the father, Oren Edmonds and son Robert, started on their property of the started on their powers at about 2 o'clock from Gladstone, Illinois, and arrived at Parks (Ives) Nebraska on Friday, March 19. They had rented a car on the freight train to bring their stock, farm implements, lumber for home on the claim, furniture and feed for animals, chickens and other things. They rested the stock, went to the claim, and on to preaching and Sabbath School in Benkelman. But dark came upon themberor they got back to friends they were staying with. On Tuesday, March 23, they started to haul lumber out to claim and started building their house. Mother Luwa and Johnnie came on April 15, and moved in with Robert until they could build the family home. Robert wrote on April 29, "My cow got loose and I looked ort wo days for her. A cowboy brought her back."

On May 5, he began breaking land for

for two days for her. A cowboy brought her back."

On May 5, he began breaking land for potatoes and corn. This is of historical interest, he writes. May 15, "Went down to Hour Glass Ranch to vote for county seat in Chevegne County. The first election, in wawy, and several days later he found them about noon. All of this time he has built a sod house, a sod barn, and chicken house and plowed a fire guard around his place. Not bad for a crippled man, besides going to Sabbath School and church in Benkelman, Parks or Cowden's school house. He dug his well in July, if was not a good well so he had to haul water from

August 22." (He is now buried in Benkelman Cemetery). On October 16,



In the pioneer room in Fancy Five Bidg, Hazel Smith is using a sad iron. The ironing board was made of wood. It is 3 feet wide and was designed by David Holliman. Mrs. Persinger is pictured at the right. It was she who worked diligently for three



Graham crackers, graham bread, and graham owe their name to Sylvester Graham, a nineto century American pure-food enthusiast, who announced that this flour had excellent nutritive



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By ANNA L. (GORTHY) BENGE

My story this week is taken, for the most part, from a diary that includes the years of 1883 to 1889 with notes from following years. It was written by Robert Edmonds, a brother of my mother.

Robert Edmonds, was born in 1855 in Henderson County, Ill. When he was a small child, he had what the doctors then called the "white swelling." The white swelling is now known by doctors as spinal meningities. He cried for hours with pain and misery. His mother spent hours rubbing his legs and back which probaby saved his life and prevented him from being a worse cripple than he was. He was crippled to a point that he needed special shoes built for him all his life. He had a short business college education in Illinois because his parents realized he never could do hard manual labor.

When I was writing my mother's life story, I located this diary. It had an item every day, but I will only use those that are relevant to pioneer life. The prices they paid or recieved for their produce is interesting. Uncle Bob (as he was known to us) started this diary Jan 1, 1883 in Illinois. His first entry was January 1, 1883. "Went to Burlington, Iowa and bought a new accordian, nice clear day. Spent \$12.95." On January 12. "I chopped wood all day for John McDill for \$1.00." He made his money chopping wood for neightors and driving hogs and cattle to town. He chopped 27 cords of wood for \$13.00 for his folks and neighbors.

On January 24, "A sled load of us went to Mrs. Campbells to spend the evening. We had a good time." Again—"25th, went to spelling school at Cowdens school house, 21 of us in a sled." This and literary societies church socials and parties were their entertainment.

On February 6 "Mother had her tooth fulled, cost 25 cents." He worked at John

entertainment.

On February 6 "Mother had her tooth
pulled, cost 25 cents." He worked at John
McDill's chopping wood, cutting and

burning hedges, planted potatoes by hand and running errands for \$20.00 a month "July 4, 1883, went to Kirkwood in the morning, to Galesburg in the afternoon and Burlington at night. Had a jolly time, spent \$0 cents." July 7 "Sold my violin to David Troup for \$2.50." He tells of shocking rye for three days and hoeing onions and corn for about ten days for his father. Also shocking wheat and oats in faugust 1883.

On September 21, 1885, he writes that in August 1883.

On September 21, 1885, he writes that he started for Nebraska and on the 23rd he arrived in Nebraska, train fare was \$16.00. He went to Pawnee County where he worked at farm jobs. He looked at the land in January 17 went to Omaha and arrived home in Illinois January 19. He stopped home in Illinois January 19. He stopped to sinteresting but the prices are interesting. In March 1884 he spent five days on the jury in Oquawka, Illinois and received \$1.50 per day and 80 cents mileage. On shritesting but the prices are interesting. In March 1884 he spent five days on the jury in Oquawka, Illinois and received \$1.50 per day and 80 cents mileage. On shritesting but the prices are interesting. In March 1884 he spent five days on the jury in Oquawka, Illinois and received \$1.50 per day and 80 cents mileage. On shritesting but the prices are interesting. In March 1884 he spent five days on the jury in Oquawka, Illinois and received \$1.50 per day and 80 cents mileage. On shritesting but the prices are interesting. In March 1884 he spent five days on the lart of the privary in Oquawka, Illinois and received \$1.50 per day and 80 cents mileage. On shritesting but the prices are interesting the head of the lart of the lart

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many days picking apples and getting them ready to ship to various parts of the United States. December 25 he spent at his parents' home. A big dinner at noon and that evening they popped corn and pulled laffley.

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In the year of 1885, Robert Edmonds bought 43 head of sheep. March 28 he tastes he was at home tending his sheep. (The sheep weren't exactly a paying proposition as he said later.) He mentions two items I thought interesting. 'He helped build a pailing fence and again, he helped his father to grub. A pailing fence is one made of poles or stips of wood. Grubbing was clearing the ground of tree roots by digging them out by hand. On July 4, 1885 he went to the Henderson U.P. Church to celebrate their fiftieth year of organization of the church. He paid Laura (my mother) 25 cents for doing his washing and ironing, and gave brother Johnnie 25 cents also.

In July he helped bind wheat and oats by hand for the neighbors. How about this for August 1, "Driving potato bugs out of my potatoes." How do you suppose he managed that? And on August 3 he was still working on the potato bugs. On September 13-22 there are no entries because he was ill with rheumatism in his knees and legs caused by 'thires' of 'thylife'.

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Thursday, August 25, 1983

On November 3, 1885 he started on a trip to Nebraska and Kansas leaving from Burlington, lowa and arriving in Benkelman on November 5, a little after midnight.

November 6, 1885, he made this entry, "Started snowing in the night and kept at it all day. A regular Nebraska blizzard. Went to the skatting rink at night. Paid 10 cents. Saw for the first time a cowboy flourish his revolver in another man's face." On November 7, "Clear today, snow about ten inches deep and drifted about four to five feet deep in places. Spent 10 cents today." On November 9, 1885, "Went with Mr. Campbell, Galvin and Woodrow the locating agent to look at some land in Cheyenne County, Kansas and located in Township 1, Range 39, Northeast quarter of Section 9, Paid the locating tee of \$5.
"On November 10, "Started about 4 o clock a.m. for McCook, arrived about 6 o clock. Took a stage across to Oberlin to get my papers, a distance of 32 miles. But the driver lost the road and drove us about sixty miles without anything to eat. Fare across was 2. We arrived about thal past ten at night. Lodging and breakfast at the hote! 75 cents."

On November 11, 1885, "At Oberlin, Kansas, today, Got the papers for my land. Paid \$14.50 for them. Bill at the hote! was \$1.



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Ann Jenge
Senkelten, NE

GORT The Strangers from Syoming

The following story is one I heard from my father, Jim Gorthy:

" When your mother and I were first married we lived in our sod shanty. One bitter cold evening, two men on horseback came riding up the draw. They were armed with a six shooter and a Winchester rifle and each was trailing a pack horse. On man was a tall slender fellow of pleasing appearance. The other was sullen, rather short and heavy, nothing seemed to escape their attention. I got the idea they were dodging the law.

"They stopped a short distance from the house and yelled. I went to the door and they asked if they could put up for the night. I replied that we never turned anyone away from the door and for them to light and come in. They were welcome to feed their horses in the barn but would have to picket their horses out side since the barn was filled with my horses. They said they would attend to that and they did. They shifted my horses over and crowded theirs in !!

"Laura fixed some extra supper and we spent the evening talking. both men were well educated and good talkers. About ten o'clock we turned in. We had but one bed. I told them they could throw their bedrolls on the kitchen floor. They said they would rather sleep in the barn with their horses. I never did figure out how they bedded down unless they slept in the manger.

However, when I called them to breakfast, they claimed they slept well. I figured one of them kept watch all night for when I went out at daybreak, one of them showed up before I reached the barn. When they took the loads off the pack horses, they left their other horses saddled and bridled. As soon as the horses were fed they were bridled again.

"After a hearty breakfast of flapjacks and coffee, they got ready to leave. In our talk the night before, I mentioned I had a good Iriend living in Wyoming at the Two Bar Ranch near Chug Water. The tall man, as he left said, "When you write your friend, Benedict, tell him you entertained "Tall

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The Strangers from Wyoming

Slim" and give him my regards." Shortly after I wrote to Leslie and he answered, saying: "Those two men were wanted in Wyoming. They were two of "yomings most noted desperados and were wanted for cattle rustling and train robbery."

"My mother added this: "Had we known who those fellows were we would have been frightened to have them in our home. As it turned out they were gentleman in every sense of the word and did not disturb a thing on the place. They were their gun belts and guns in their holsters the whole time they were here. But we were never afraid of them."

"My parents said the riders headed south, probably for Oklahoma or Texas. They never heard of them again."

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Justine (Sutton) Artist 1820 26th av Greeley, CO 80631 308-352-5474

"Little Sod Shanty" (Laura Edmonds Corthy

Hazel's mother, Laura Edmonds, married James Gorthy, a young man from
New York who came west and took a homestead in Cheyenne County. They lived in a
soddy, and this was where Hazel was born. She remembered her mother singing
the following song:

THE LITTLE OLD SOD SHANTY ON MY CLAIM

I am looking rather seedy now while holding down my claim,
And my victuals are not always serv'd the best-And the mice play shyly 'round me as I nestle down to rest,
In my little old sod shanty in the west.

Yet I rather like the novelty of living in this way,
Tho' my bill of fare is always rather tame--

But I'm happy as a clam on the land of Uncle Sam, In my little old sod shanty on my claim.

Chorus: Oh, the hinges are of leather, and the windows have no glass, While the board roof lets the howling blizzard in-

And I hear the hungry coyote as he slinks up thru the grass

Round my little old sod shanty on my claim.

O when I left my Eastern home, a bachelor so gay,

To try and win my way to wealth and fame,

I little thought that I'd come down to burning twisted hay

In the Little Old Sod Shanty on My Claim.

My clothes are plastered o'er with dough; I'm looking like a fright

And everything is scattered 'round the room,

Still I wouldn't give the freedom that I have out in the West

For the table of the Eastern man's old home.

Figure 113 Margaret Buckholtz Papers

Justine (Sutton) Artist 1820 26th av "Little Sod Shanty" Greeley, CO 80631 (Laura Edmonds Gorthy) Still, I wish that some kind-hearted girl would pity on me take And relieve me from the mess that I am in; The angel, how I'd bless her, if this her home she'd make In the Little Old Sod Shanty on my Claim And we would make our fortunes on the prairies of the West. Just as happy as two lovers we'd remain; We'd forget the trials and troubles we endured at the first In our little old sod shanty on my claim.

Figure 114 Margaret Buckholtz Papers

Maps



Figure 115 Map of probable location of Oren Edmonds and Oliver Perry Edmonds Soddy Home

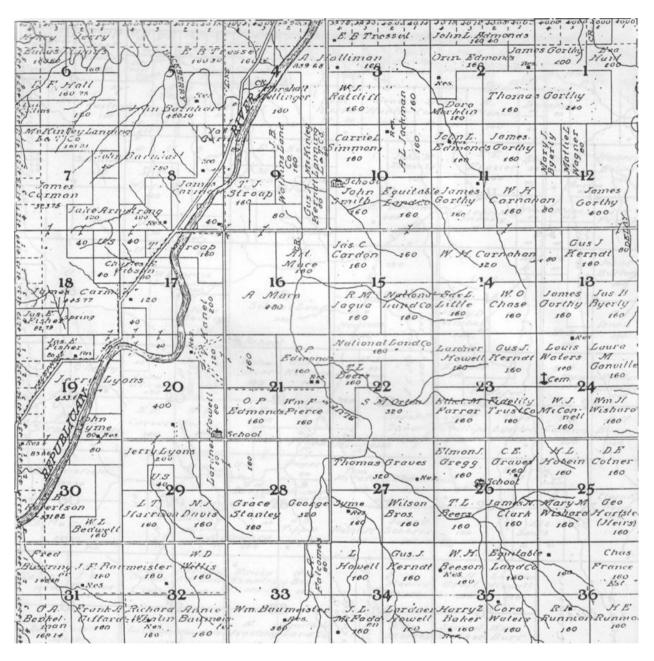


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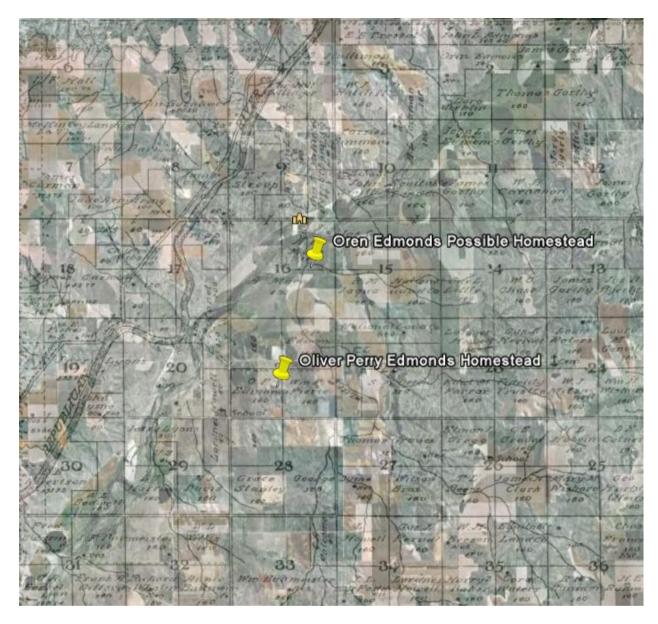


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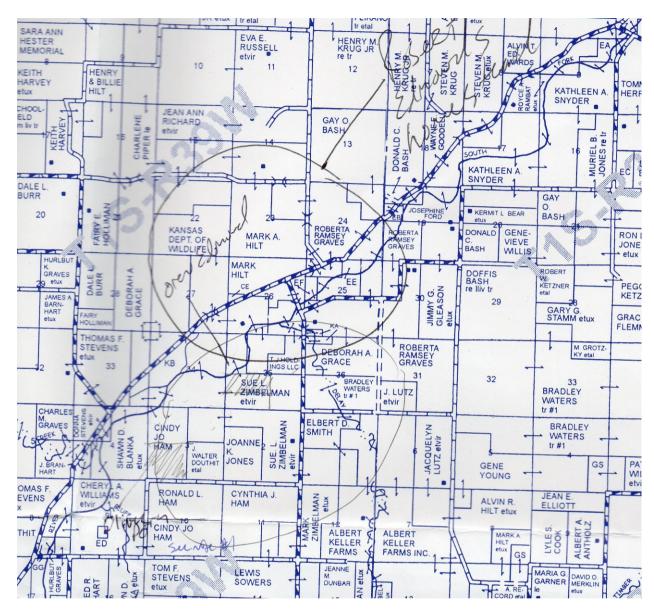


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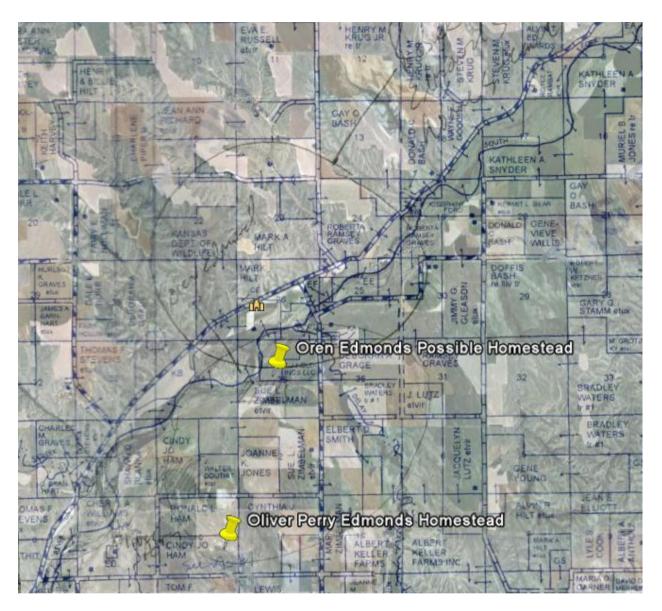


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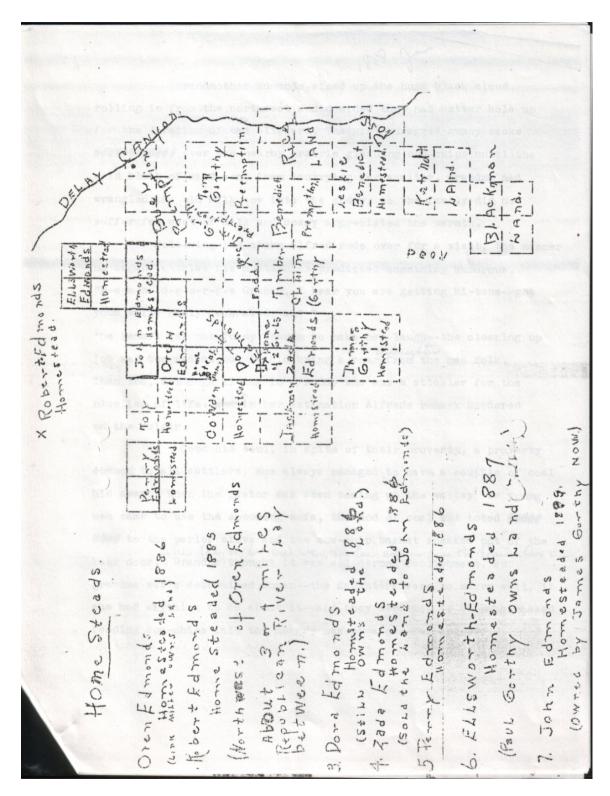
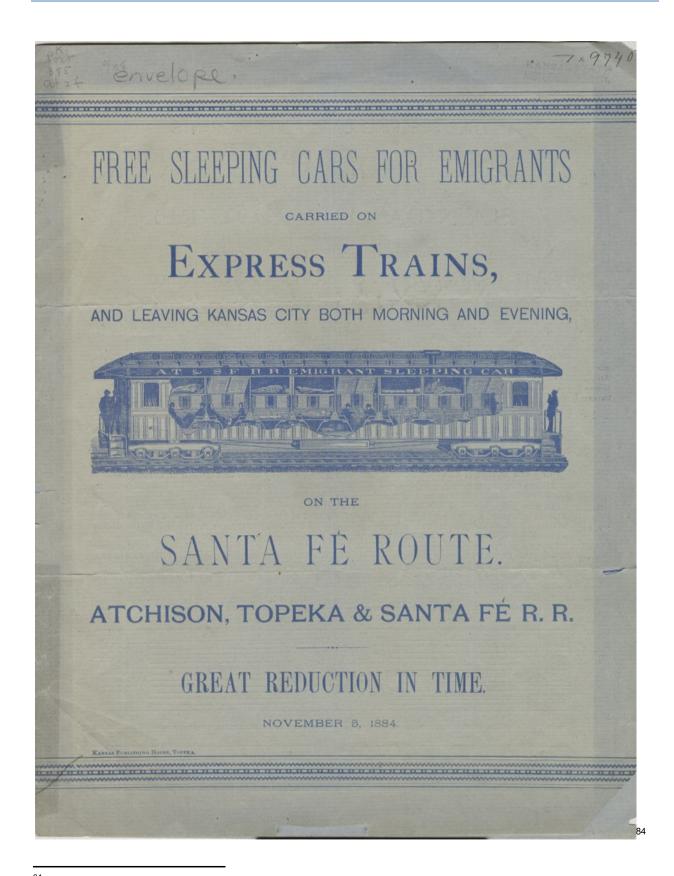


Figure 120 Justine Artist Papers

Immigrant Car



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FREE SLEEPING CARS FOR EMIGRANTS

ATTACHED TO EXPRESS TRAINS

SANTA FÉ ROUTE.

GENERAL PASSENGER AND TICKET DEPARTMENT OF THE

ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FÉ RAILROAD CO

CIRCULAR No. 14-A.

TO TICKET AGENTS:

TOPEKA, KANSAS, November 5, 1884.

Referring to my circular No. 7-A, dated April 15, 1884, concerning emigrant sleeping-car service, I take pleasure in calling your attention to the great improvements which have been made in the accommodations now offered to emigrant travelers to New Mexico, Arizona, Old Mexico, Utah, Nevada, and California. Emigrant sleeping cars are now carried on express trains without change between Kansas City and Holbrook, Arizona, via Albuquerque, and between Kansas City and Deming. Under this arrangement, emigrant travelers may leave Kansas City for the West in our comfortable

EMIGRANT SLEEPING CARS, ATTACHED TO EXPRESS TRAINS, BOTH MORNING AND EVENING.

The emigrant sleeping car leaving Kansas City in the morning on Express No. I, is transferred at Albuquerque to the express train of the Atlantic & Pacific R. R., and goes to Holbrook on express time. At Holbrook this same emigrant sleeper is transferred to the fast freight on the Atlantic & Pacific R. R., and goes to Mojave, California, without change. At Mojave connection is made with emigrant trains on the Southern Pacific for Los Angeles and San Francisco. This makes

Only One Change of Emigrant Sleeping Cars between Kansas City and San Francisco or Los Angeles.

The emigrant sleeping car leaving Kausas City on Express No. 3 in the evening connects at Deming with emigrant sleepers on the Southern Pacific for all points in southern Arizona, California, and Sonora, Mexico.

Emigrant passengers to Utah and Nevada should take Express No. 1, which is equipped with emigrant sleepers as far as La Junta. Between La Junta and Pueblo, emigrant passengers travel in day coaches. The distance is only sixty-five miles, and this part of the journey is made immediately after the breakfast hour. The express trains on the Denver & Rio Grande carry emigrant sleepers between Pueblo and Ogden, which connect there with emigrant sleepers on the Central Pacific.

Passengers to Mexico, traveling on through tickets to points reached via El Paso, may avail themselves of the comforts of emigrant

sleeping cars on Express No. 3 as far as Rincon, only seventy-six miles from El Paso. From Rincon they go to El Paso by Express No. 1,

The time from the Missouri River to the Pacific Coast, under this improved emigrant service, is shorter than under previous schedules. Please observe condensed time given below. Trains daily.

WESTWARD.	EASTWARD.					
Leave Kamaa City 9:50 a M. Mon. Leave Oppekn 1:60 F. M. Mon. Leave Newton 6:00 F. M. Mon. Arrive Las Vegas 6:45 F. M. Tu. Arrive Ablasseque 12:4 v. Wed. Arrive The Needlen 19:00 F. M. Tur. Arrive Mogave 5:50 F. M. Fri. Arrive Colon 9:55 F. M. Sat. Arrive San Fraucisco 9:10 A. M. Sun.	Leave San Francisco 7:00 p. m. Mon Leave Cotton					
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WESTWARD.	EASTWARD.					

Leave Newton	7:30 A.M. Tu. 8:50 A.M. Wed.	Leave Deming. Arrive Albuquerque. Arrive Las Vegas. Arrive Newton	5:30 A. M. Tu. 2:20 P. M. Tu.
Arrive Albuquerque	6:10 P. M. Wed. 6:20 A. M. Thur.	Arrive Kansas City	6:00 A.M. Thur.

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FREE SLEEPING CARS.—A great majority of emigrants being unable to provide their families with the luxury of Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars, on account of the expense, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R. R. Co. began, several years ago, to equip its line with Emigrant Sleeping Cars, and opened them to the public without any extended them to the same few of the sequipment of the Santa Fé Route has always been popular, and under this new arrangement cannot fail to be even more so.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EMIGRANT SLEEPING CAR.—The cut given on the first page of this circular represents one side of the interior of an Emigrant Sleeping Car on the A. T. & S. F. R. R. These cars are built by the Company, and arranged with special reference to the comfort and convenience of families moving from the East to the West, with which class of travel they have become especially popular. The general plan of an Emigrant Sleeping Car is similar to that of a first-class sleeping car. It is divided into sections, each section having two berths-an upper and lower. Each berth is wide enough to make a comfortable bed for two persons, but usually only two persons are assigned to one section, so that each may have a berth, except in the case of families or friends traveling together, when three persons may be assigned to the same section. The upper berth is attached to the side of the car with a hinge, and when not in use as a bed may be folded up against the roof of the car, with ample space between the berth and the car roof for the storing of all the bedding necessary for both the lower and the upper berth in each section. The lower berth is made by unfolding the seats as in a Pullman Sleeper. During the day these seats are folded up, and furnish comfortable sitting room for four persons. The seats in a section face toward each other, as shown in the cut, where some of the berths are also shown as made up ready for use. These cars are well lighted and ventilated, provided with closets and lavatories, and are liberally supplied with water and fuel, so as to make them comfortable at all seasons of the year. Emigrant passengers are accorded the same privileges at the eating stations along the line as other passengers, but those traveling in this way, particularly families, preferring to carry their own provisions, may make tea and coffee on the stoves in the cars, during the winter months. The Emigrant Sleeping Cars are furnished with which are kept burning all night. BEDDING. - The Emigrant Sleeping Cars are not upholstered, but are furnished on the interior in hard wood, and after each trip are thoroughly washed, and made as clean as when they first came from the builder's hands. No bedding is provided by the railroad company, as passengers usually prefer to furnish their own mattresses and blankets. New, clean mattresses, never used before, and made to fit the berths, may be obtained in the Union Depot at Kansas City, at a cost of seventy-five cents. Blankets and comforts can be purchased in the Union Depot at very low prices. Thus equipped, with such additional conveniences as pillows, towels, brushes, combs and soap, the emigrant passenger is assured of a comfortable trip. Wooden partitions separate the berths, and curtains ready to hang may be purchased at the depot for fifty cents. This secures the privacy of each section or berth. Ample time is given at Kansas City to arrange all these matters BERTHS RESERVED.—By a system of berth checks similar to that in use on Pullman sleepers, berths may be reserved over this line, and passengers will not be disturbed in the possession of the berths to which they were assigned at Kansas City.

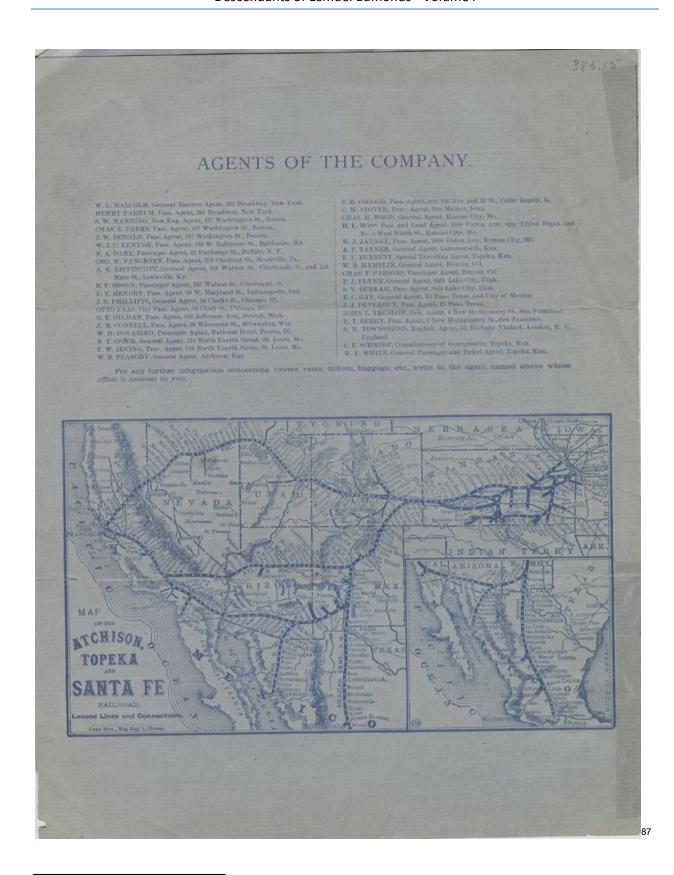
THROUGH SLEEPING CARS.—The connecting lines at Albuquerque, Deming and Pueblo are also equipped with emigrant sleeping cars similar, in nearly all respects, to those in use on the Santa Fé, and passengers destined to points beyond are entitled to the use of emigrant sleeping cars on these connecting lines, free of any extra charge above the regular fare. ASSIGNMENT OF BERTHS .- The Agents of this Company at Kansus City take special pains to locate passengers of the same nationality, and whose manners indicate that they would prove congenial, in the same car, so that all may be associated with agreeable traveling companions. The train-men are instructed to look carefully after the comfort of the people in these cars, and all reasonable requests will be courteously complied with. Special pains will be taken to assist passengers in procuring their outfit of bedding, etc., in checking their baggage at Kansas City, and to give all the information desired concerning the trip.

BAGGAGE REGULATIONS.—Baggage will be checked from Kansas City to destination. On business through to the Pacific Coast, 150 pounds will be checked free on each full emigrant ticket, 75 pounds on each half emigrant ticket. WHERE TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED.—Always buy your ticket from your nearest railroad ticket agent. Tickets entitling the holders to the privileges of these emigrant sleepers, without extra cost, may be purchased at nearly all railroad ticket offices in the United States. Upon arrival at Kansas City the passenger should present his ticket at the office of this company, at the address given below, where he will be given a check for his berth in the Emigrant Sleeper, assisted in checking his baggage, etc.

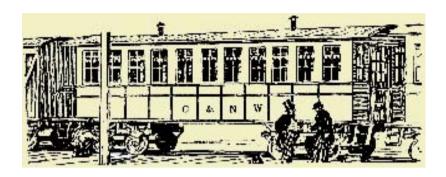
THE EMIGRANT RATE.—The emigrant rates over the Santa Fé Route are always as low as by any other route, and over the entire expense for railroad fare, the use of the emigrant sleeper being included. Children under five years of age are carried free; children five years of age and under twelve, half fare. In view of the superiority of the accommodations which we are now able to offer to emigrant passengers, I take pleasure in presenting the facts to you for your information, and that you may advise intending emigrants to the far west of these further improve-Gen. Pass, and Ticket Agen. For exchanging tickets, rechecking baggage, securing Or, H. E. MOSS, eral Agent, Passenger and Land Agent, 1050 Union Avenue, Opposite Union Depot, KANSAS CITY, MO.

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Immigrant Cars

Immigrant passage is the cheapest available on trains. The immigrant cars have plain seats or benches. Each has toilet facilities and a stove at the end of the car. The conductor will rent the passenger a straw-filled mattress for \$1.25 to \$2.50. The mattress may be placed on the seat or the floor between the seats. Passengers can cook their meals on the stove. The immigrant cars are built like box cars. Ventilation is poor-. However, an entire family can travel for \$1-00 or \$2.00.

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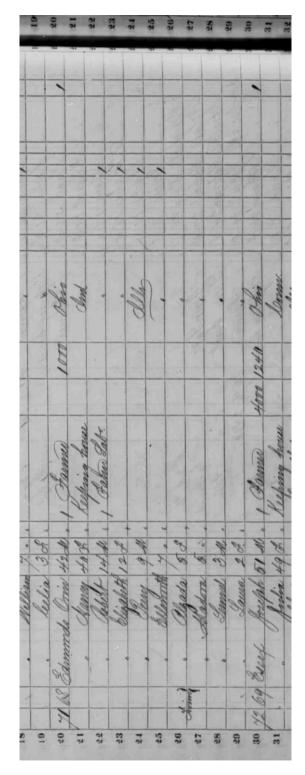


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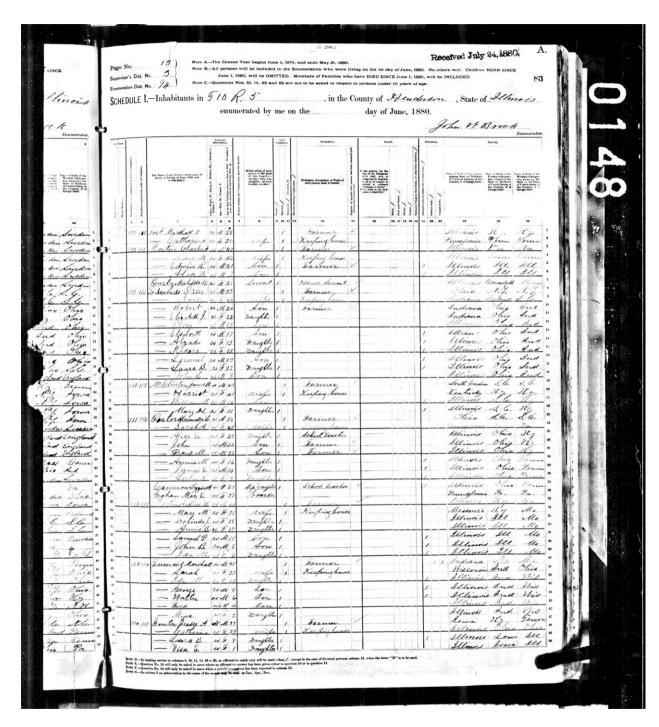


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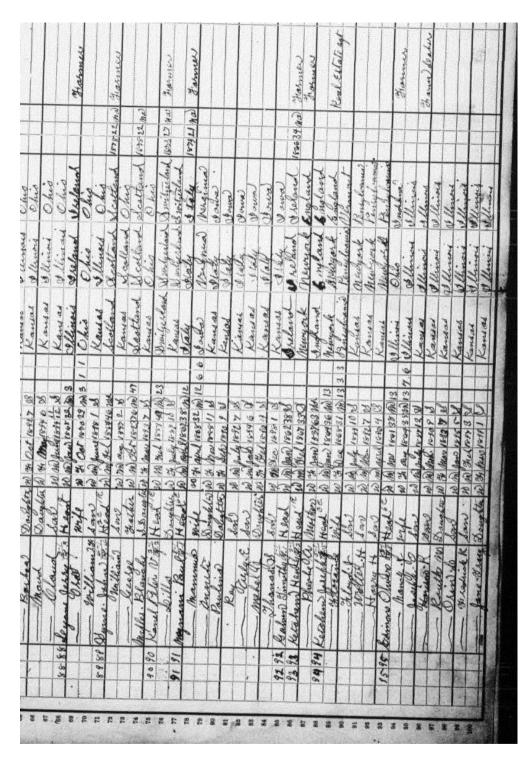


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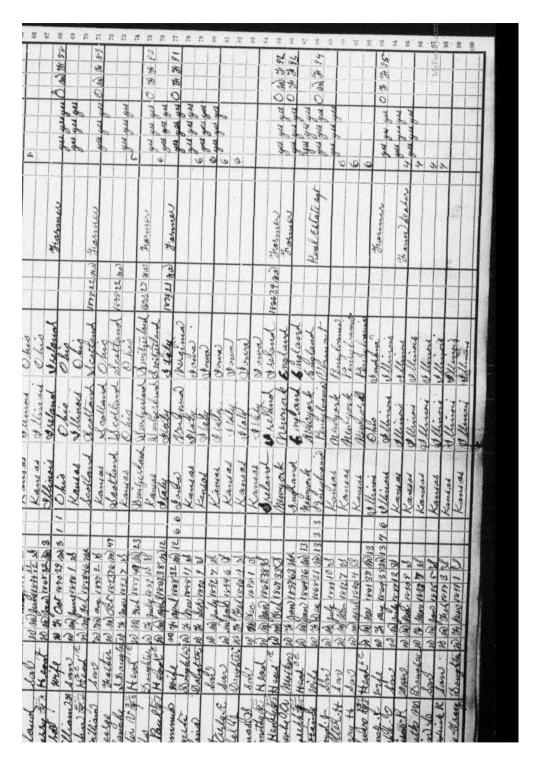


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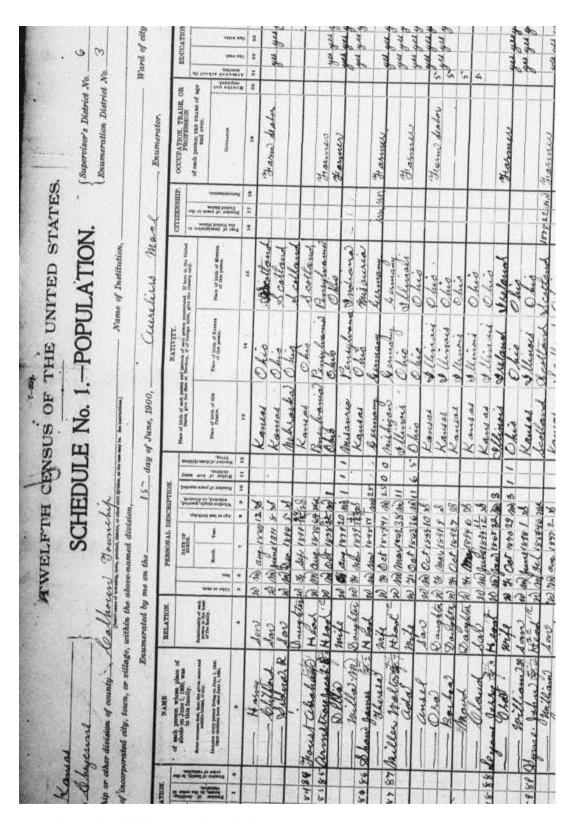


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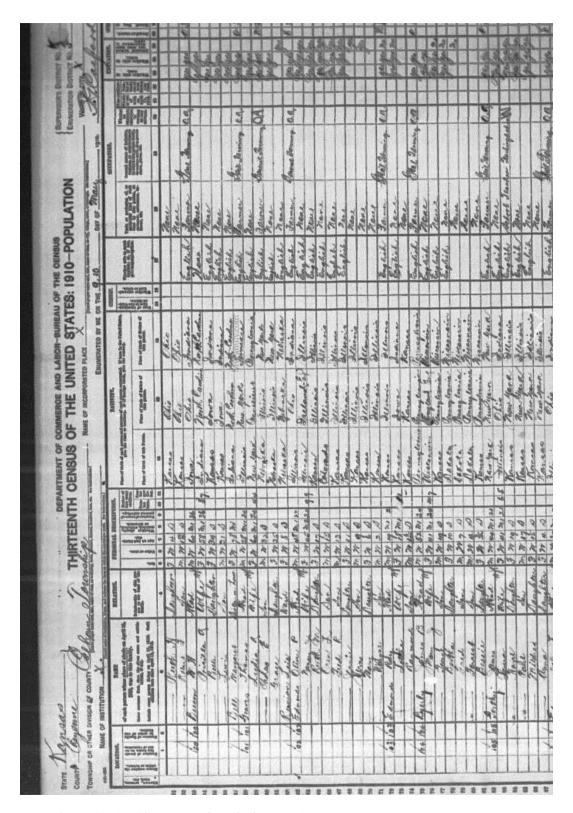


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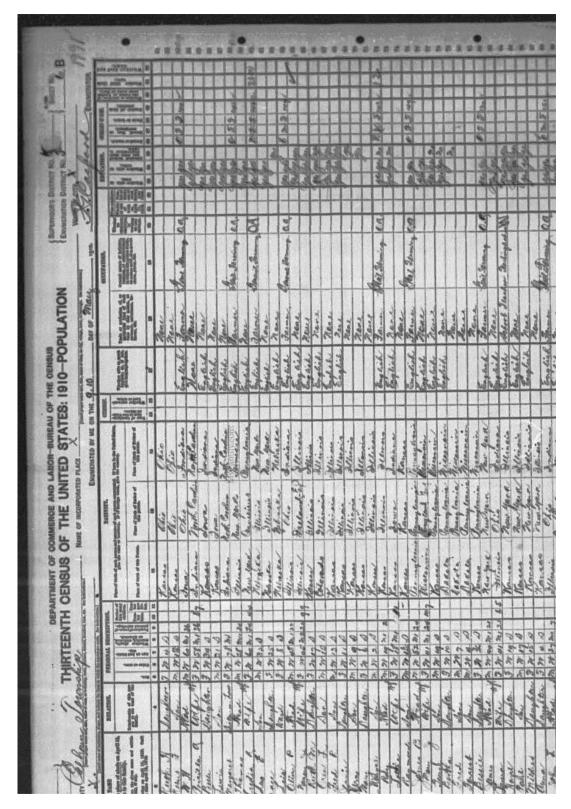


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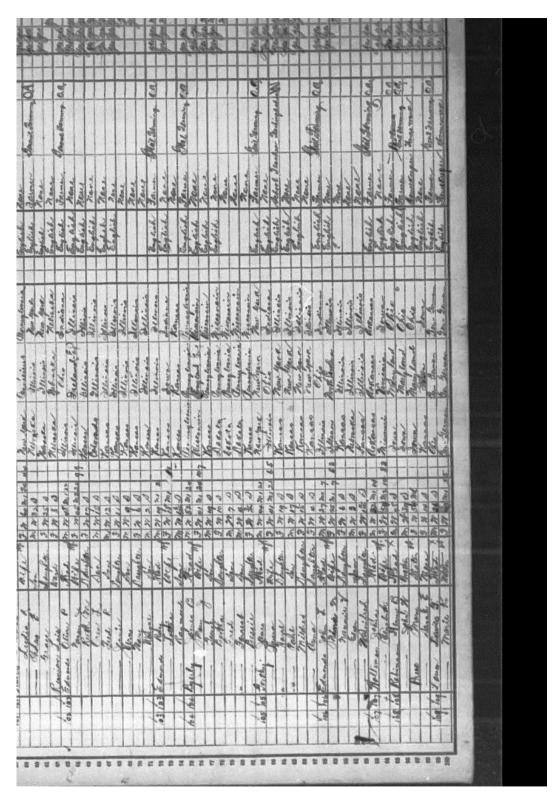


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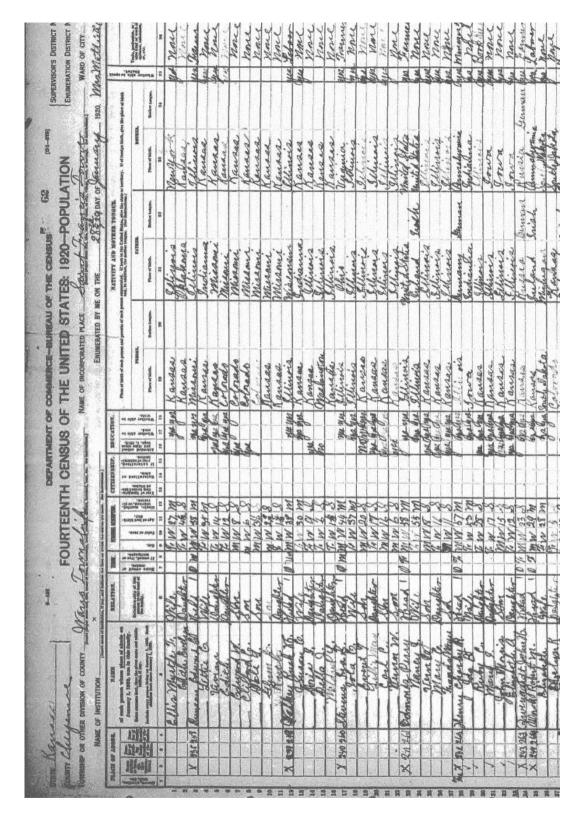


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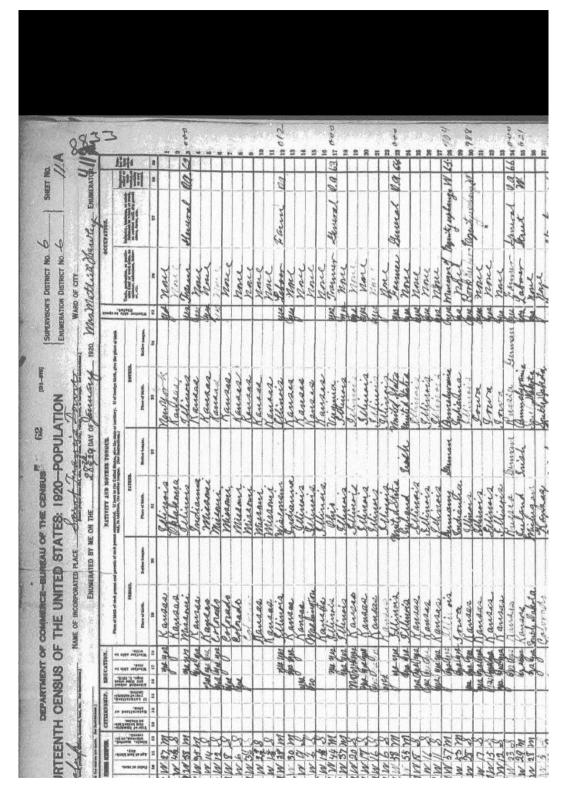


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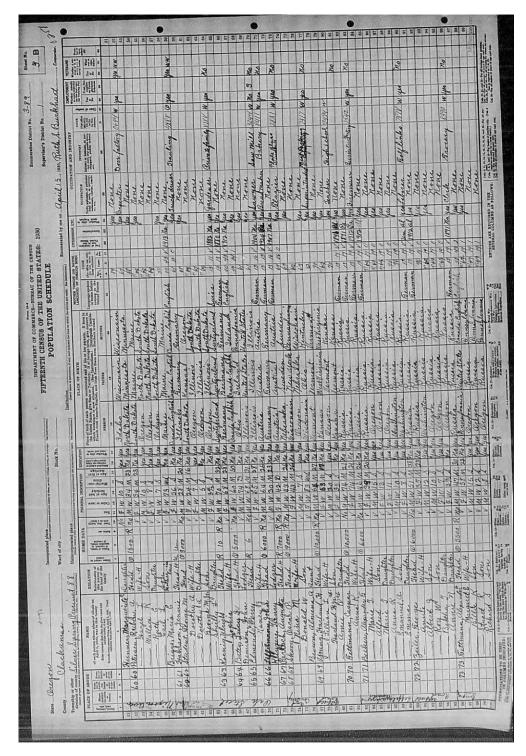


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Addendum

When I decided to go on my Family History trip to Illinois I knew that I wanted to add a book on the our Edmonds Ancestors in the Biggsville Illinois Library. I completed this book before my trip. Therefore the book which I deposited obviously did not detail my trip to Illinois.

The following addendum documents this trip with a few notable photographs which needs to be documented.

Interesting facts about the South Henderson Church where Oren and Nancy Edmonds and their children went to church from ca.1864-1886 when they left for Kansas.

The pictured South Henderson Church was built in 1855. So it can be assumed that somewhere around 1864 the Edmonds Family started going to the church of South Henderson North West of Biggsville Illinois.

In 1865 a Hannah McGregor Williams joined the South Henderson Church. Hannah is believed to be the sister of Nancy Curren McGregor Edmonds wife of Oren Edmonds. This is the most probable reason that Oren and Nancy moved to Henderson County from Morgan County Illinois. Hannah McGregor Edmonds is buried in the South Henderson Church Cemetery where Oren and Nancy Curren McGregor Edmonds went to church.

The pews purchased by the church ca.1855 were ordered from Chicago Illinois. These were shipped from Chicago to Biggsville Illinois. It was at the time of delivery that a work crew was assembled by the men of the South Henderson Church. The pews pictured in this Addendum are the original Pews that OUR Edmonds Ancestors sat in.



Figure 137 Biggsville Illinois Looking West. Town where Oren and Nancy Edmonds Lived



Figure 138 Biggsville Illinois Looking East. Town where Oren and Nancy Edmonds Lived.



Figure 139 South Henderson Church NW of Biggsville Illinois. This is the church where Oren and Nancy Edmonds went to church until 1886



Figure 140 South Henderson Church NW of Biggsville Illinois. This is the church where Oren and Nancy Edmonds went to church until 1886



Figure 141 South Henderson Church NW of Biggsville Illinois. This is the church where Oren and Nancy Edmonds went to church until 1886



Figure 142 South Henderson Church NW of Biggsville Illinois. This is the church where Oren and Nancy Edmonds went to church until 1886

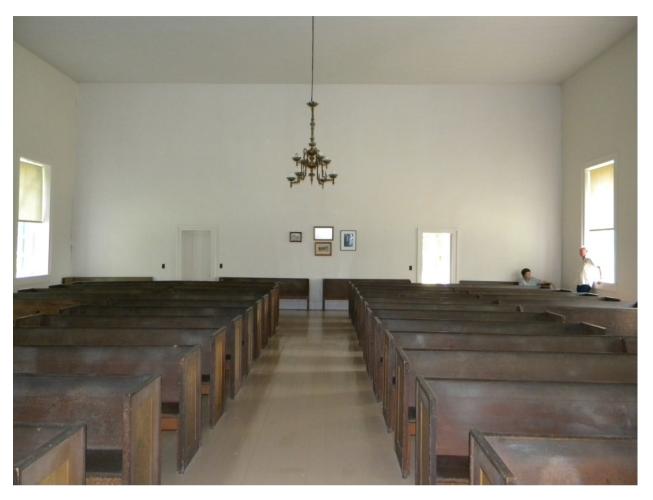


Figure 143 South Henderson Church NW of Biggsville Illinois. This is the church where Oren and Nancy Edmonds went to church until 1886

Johnny James Edwards was born in Portland Oregon. He served 11 years in the United States Navy and currently has worked for the Department of Justice for 13 years.

He has many plans for his retirement, as it does not come quick enough!



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